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Nationalisation of China's economy seen

The Chinese Communists intend to nationalise China's finance and economy to the fullest extent possible, a Shanghai meeting was told last week, according to United Press.

Mr. Yua Shu-sah, chairman of the East China Military and Political Commission, said this was in accordance with the principles laid down by Chairman Mao Tse-tung. He was addressing representatives of government organs throughout East China.

In order to stabilise China's finances, Mr. Yua said, the principles of unified control of finance and economy must be followed. He said it was of paramount importance to revise the system of taxation, which is now imposing a heavy burden on the people.

The chairman pointed out that the government has been doing its utmost to help private industries by granting loans and allocating raw materials. The relationship between state-owned industry and private industry should be properly adjusted.

At the same time, other Shanghai reports said the authorities have begun a large-scale registration of unemployed workers who will be assigned to work-relief projects.—United Press.

B and S ship back from Shanghai with mixed cargo

The Butterfield and Swire steamer Poyang, the first ship to leave Shanghai after the sinking of the Philippine ship San Antonio at the mouth of the Yangtze on July 24, returned here yesterday after an uneventful trip. She sailed from Shanghai on July 29.

The Poyang took the usual course in the Yangtze South of House Island between the wrecks of the San Antonio and the ss. Kiangya, which sank about three years ago. The wrecks of both vessels could still be observed during low tide.

Fist fights in New York peace rally

New York, August 3.

Two thousand left-wing "peace" marchers, banned from staging a Union Square rally, battled 1,000 police late yesterday in a fist-fighting brawl that led to 13 arrests. The demonstrators waited until the home-going rush hour to make their defiant move.

"We want peace—open up the Square," the marchers chanted as they suddenly formed ranks among the throngs going home from work.

Union Square is the traditional site of New York's peace rallies. When the mounted police broke down the demonstrators they shouted "Cossack!"

The mounted policemen rode their horses on to sidewalks. Fist fights broke out. Several injuries were reported and at least one window was smashed.

Two sign-waving demonstrations were removed from electric light poles by police and a fire department hook and ladder company.

The police detail spent an hour breaking up the demonstration. Most of the marchers arrested were charged with assault or disorderly conduct.

The New York Labour Conference for peace sponsored the forbidden rally.

The conference has led in a petition urging the outlawing of the atom bomb. Government officials have called the petition Communist-inspired.

Not officially closed

Mr. Bartley further stated that the Communist authorities in Shanghai had officially declared the port closed following the sinking of the San Antonio, as was reported here. The Communist authorities in Shanghai only informed all ships of the position of the wreck of the San Antonio, which according to observation made on board the Poyang, is actually lying at a point about two miles further East of the position given by the Shanghai authorities, Mr. Bartley added.

Other arrivals on the Poyang declared that while in Shanghai they heard a report saying that the San Antonio sank after hitting a wreck, not a mine as was reported by the owners of the vessel. This could not be confirmed, but it might have been possible as many wrecks are known to be in the vicinity, they added.

Air patrol

Vigilant air patrol by United States naval planes over the Taiwan Strait was confirmed by the same informant. While the Poyang was sailing in the Taiwan Strait on her way here, she saw American planes four times during a single day.

Each time when a plane was met, it circled over the British ship twice and flew away.

The same informant further revealed that on July 16, when the Poyang was on her way to the North from Hong Kong, she was spotted by a Nationalist warship off Tungshan, between Swatow and Amoy. The Poyang was taking shelter against a strong gale. The warship signalled to the Poyang, asking for the name and destination. The British vessel replied that she was a British vessel. The warship then sailed off, the informant said.

While the Poyang was in Shanghai, the crew, including the guards, were allowed to go ashore by the local authorities, a member of the crew said. The guards were locked up as soon as she docked in Shanghai, he added.

The Poyang returned with 900 tons of general cargo from Shanghai. According to the company's schedule, she will sail for Taiwan on July 21.

REDS DRIVE AGAINST NEW U.S. DEFENCES

Yanks hold firm after general withdrawal

S. Koreans take Yongdok

Tokyo, August 3.

The North Korean Reds smashed in force at the Southern end of the new American "no retreat" defence line only 30 to 35 miles West of Pusan today, but the 24th Division units were reported to be holding firm.

The Communists struck after United States troops holding the Western flank of the Allied beachhead completed a general withdrawal of up to 15 miles on a 65-mile long Western front and dug in with fresh Marine units in the line with orders to hold at all costs.

The planned withdrawal swung the American line back across the Nak-tong River to within eight miles of the big transport centre of Taegu, provisional capital of South Korea, in the centre.

The American and South Korean forces, now nearly a numerical match of the 90,000-man North Korean Red army, dug in today along the river borders of a small beachhead with orders to hold it at all costs.

This time, most observers here believe, the United Nations forces have a reasonable chance of holding and turning into the first stages of victory the retreat which has carried toward a South East Korean Dunkirk.

The defending infantrymen were still thinly spread along the twisting Nakdong River line today but for the first time they had strong enough reserves to call upon in dealing with a Red breakthrough that the Communists were sure to try.

In the far South, along the 20-mile wide coastal plain leading to the beachhead, only good part of Pusan, the Americans tonight faced their gravest test. There they had no natural river defence lines, and the Communists were reported to be throwing in all their reserves to bolster the Sixth Division's assault down the Chinju-Pusan highway.

U.S. defence line

The broad, shallow Nakdong River encloses the 90-mile long beachhead on most of the Northern front held by the South Korean army, then bends sharply to the South and forms the Americans' Western defence line passing less than 10 miles West of Taegu.

Fifteen miles short of the Southern coast the gray-green Nakdong again bends sharply to the East at its junction with the Nam River, 35 miles North West of Pusan and flows into the Korea Straits on the Western outskirts of Pusan.

Some miles along the coastal plain East of Pusan the Yanks must make a stand across the rice paddy lowlands interbedded by fairly good highways. This is the route of the Communist drive to pinch off the beachhead supply line.

The terrain along the plain contains a few rolling hills but none of the rugged mountains that cover most of Central Korea.

On the East coast South Korean forces pushed on to the North after recapturing Yongdok, 88 miles up the coast from Pusan, with the aid of big guns of an American cruiser and escorting destroyers.

A communique issued by the U.S. Eighth Army headquarters in Korea at 9 p.m. (11 a.m. GMT) said the only real fighting of the day was in the East and South coast areas.

The South Korean Third Division was still attacking against stubborn resistance to seize high ground North of Yongdok.

On the South coast, it said, Communists bombarded 24th Division units with heavy artillery and mortar fire. The bombardment was being followed at intervals by strong infantry assaults, the communique said.

"At last reports," the communique said, "friendly forces were still standing firm and had given no ground. During the morning some infiltration groups of North Koreans attacked a command post and some artillery positions but were driven back in each instance."

Red officers prefer suicide to U.S. capture

Tokyo, August 3.

North Korean officers have killed themselves, when threatened with capture by Americans, a senior United States officer said today.

The Americans had captured the rank of Second Lieutenant—and only four of those he added.

United States forces were particularly anxious to capture a tank commander, but on the two or three occasions when this seemed likely the commanders committed suicide.

The average age of the prisoners was 22. Many, captured early this year, had received only a brief training. This included political indoctrination.—Reuters.

The division fell back to within 30 to 35 miles of Pusan simultaneously with the withdrawal of other elements of the 24th Division, unspecified South Korean units and the First Cavalry Division on the east bank of the Nakdong River along almost its entire North-South course.

The withdrawals compressed the United Nations beachhead to roughly 150 miles, and orders went out to hold the new lines at all costs.

The spokesman for General MacArthur said the Communists are continuing their greatest effort on the Chinju-Pusan axis to sever communications and capture the ports of Masan, Chinhae and Pusan.

He said the Communists have two divisions and perhaps a part of a third in that area in an effort to press the campaign to a quick end before United States reinforcements become effective.

Heavy losses

The spokesman said the Communists have lost their preponderance of tank strength and that their heavy casualties were being replaced by untrained men. He said "As the tide turns the Communists' losses will be felt more and more."

The Commander of the 24th Division which is holding a line two-thirds way between Masan and Chinju told United Press correspondent Robert Benryhoff that in preparation for both defensive and offensive action all civilians had been cleared out of the area.

Any civilians found in this area would be arrested. If they do not halt for the police they would be shot because guerrillas and disguised Reds mixed with civilians have cut already too many American and South Korean lives.

Yesterday and today American and Korean Republic engineers reported they destroyed virtually all the Nakdong River bridges and ferry boats. Still standing are the highway and rail bridges at Waegwan over which supplies must roll to the First Cavalry elements still holding forward positions in the direction of Chinju and Kumchon, which they described as a phase of resistance.

American and Australian fighter bombers struck and set on fire Waegwan. The Red held was back of the river.

destroyed thatched roof mud huts, which are North Koreans' favourite hiding places for tanks and other military equipment.

In the day with long fields of fire for infantry and close air and artillery support the defenders can make the Reds pay heavily for any frontal assault on the river line. But by night the sluggish river—as narrow as 100 yards and as shallow as five feet in some places—becomes a highway for stealthy infiltration by small bands of North Koreans.

Vital blows

On the Kum River line above Taegon, three weeks ago, the night-crossing parties regrouped behind the American lines and struck early this year, against the battered 24th Division which had no effective reserves to throw in to plug the gaps.

Behind the Americans' Western front run a series of fair, unpaved North-South roads and a few barely passable East-West trails through range after range of barren, rugged mountains.

The main North-South railroad from Pusan to Taegu passes through half a dozen tunnels extremely vulnerable to guerrilla demolition raids.

In this area rice farmers have extended their paddies up the sides of mountains to get more production, but the ground is not very productive and residents of the area, in common with most Koreans, have an incredibly low standard of living.

West of the river the valleys range from 500 yards to three miles. The stream itself is at least 200 yards in some places with gravel banks—hard for vehicles to negotiate—extending beyond that.

In general the Nakdong River picture is quite similar to the older, ill-fated Kum River line except now the United Nations have more men and more machines to back it up.—United Press.

Air strikes against factories

Tokyo, August 3. General MacArthur's headquarters today announced the third air strike against North Korean sources of munition supply and said the results obtained were good.

The text of the communique follows: "The third major strike within five days against North Korean chemical and munition manufacturing plants was made today when the U.S. Far East Air Force B-29 superforts again dropped more than 900 tons of high explosive bombs."

"Today's target was the large Bogun chemical plant in Konan, about three miles up river from the explosives factory almost totally destroyed by B-29's on July 30."

"One fourth of today's bombs was dropped visually and three-fourths by radar. Some flak was encountered, according to returning crews. The bombing results were generally good, they reported, and there were reports of some alarm through breaks in the clouds."

FLOODS IN HONAN PROVINCE

Honan province is suffering from its worst flood in 20 years according to the pro-Communist "Ta Kung Pao" yesterday.

The newspaper, in a report from Hankow, said that there are 700,000 flood refugees in the province and that some 4,140,000 mow of land is under water.

A total of 24,040 houses have been destroyed by flood water which have inundated 24 counties in the province. An area of 827,000 mow in Hopei is also flooded; in Kwangtung, 199,000 mow; Hunan, 188,000 mow; Kiangsi, 40,000 mow; and in Central-South China, 5,388,000 mow.

Renewed KMT air activity

Taipei, August 3. For the second day running, Nationalist warplanes took off from Taiwan on missions as yet unclassified, but presumed to be attacks on Communist forces on this island or Quemoy.

The renewed air activity is generally believed to signify that General MacArthur gave his sanction to attacks on Red craft by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's warplanes though no one in official position would admit this. There is much speculation that MacArthur will not rely on the Seventh Fleet alone to safeguard Taiwan but will station United States air units on this island. In the defence of which America and Nationalist China are now open allies.

If this speculation is correct, it is possible that several air bases on Taiwan might be put to exclusive use by American air units.

The statement by the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, that the United States is thinking of sending arms to the Nationalists to strengthen the defence of Taiwan, is believed here to have followed specific recommendations on the subject by General MacArthur.

Meanwhile, Chinese quarters claiming to be in a position to know, say that in the event of a new world war breaking out, the Chinese Reds have more than half a million troops ready to throw against Hong Kong.

An attack on the British Colony, they assert, could be mounted by the Reds within four hours of receiving a go-ahead from Moscow.

Such an attack, the sources say, would be timed with a full-scale Chinese push into South East Asia.

It is doubted, though, whether the Reds would simultaneously try to invade Taiwan, a venture which MacArthur "pledges the opinion" would stand little chance of success.

Although Red spokesmen continue to speak about their determination to "liberate" Taiwan, Nationalist quarters point out that there is no mention when this will be achieved.

Previously, the Reds used to boast they would conquer Taiwan some time this year.—Associated Press.

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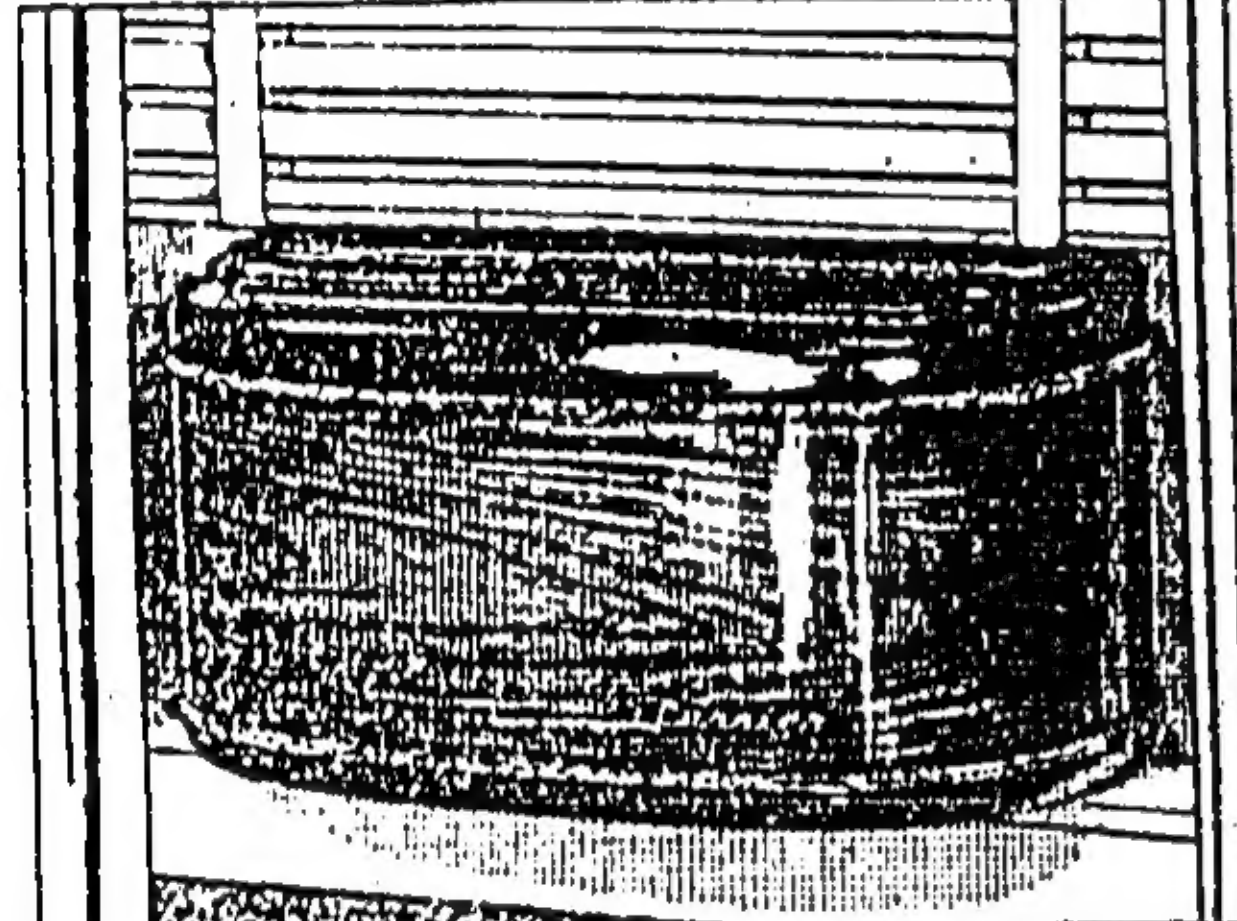
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INTERESTING TALK ON HONG KONG VOLUNTEERS

CORRECTION

In the report of a case at Central Court, published in the "China Mail" yesterday, accused was incorrectly referred to as "Tang, aged 30, manager of the China Travel Service". The name of the organisation in question is the Hong Kong and China Travel and Transport Service. Any inconvenience caused to the principals of the China Travel Service is much regretted.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

MECHANICAL GADGET

Sir,—I am an assiduous reader of your paper, especially the Engineering Page. I have found out a new mechanical gadget, which I wish to patent. I have tried to find out how to obtain it, but nobody seems to know anything about this. Could you please inform me of all the steps necessary in order to enable me, at last, to obtain and file this blessed patent in Hong Kong or in the U.K.?

Your etc.,
M. GIANCOVICI, D. Eng.
(Our correspondent should write to the Trade Marks and Patent Office in the Supreme Court—Ed.)

HONG KONG AND THE COLD WAR

Sir,—To avoid the tension in Hong Kong caused by the Communist cold war tactics, all residents should clearly understand the psychology of the Communists. They would never attack Hong Kong, for economic reasons. So long as it is being ruled by the British, they gain all the economic advantages they want. They need foreign exchange very badly—only here can they find an abundant supply. Here they can easily sell any quantity of commodities from the mainland for foreign exchange. From Hong Kong, too, they can buy any quantity of foreign commodities they need for industrial and military consumption. There is therefore no reason for Hong Kong merchants to be scared by their cunning cold war tactics, which simply prompt them to sell off cheaply the goods the Communists very badly want.

Once occupied by the Communists, Hong Kong would no longer be of any use to them. As it is, there is reason to doubt whether any ban on exports, even on oil, would be effective. The Communists are better strategists than the Japanese.

Moreover, their game is to do all they can to divide the Western Powers—that is one reason why the Russians returned to the Security Council. Stalin wants to conquer the whole of Asia with his trained powers. It was a fatal mistake for America to abandon Nationalist China, for now Moscow has millions of trained men in China at her command. The South Korean crisis is simply the consequence of the Communist conquest of China. However, it is not too late for the Democratic Powers to stick together—warn them to believe in the doctrine of isolation. Compromise with the atrocious aggressor will simply bring disaster upon itself. It is deplorable that such an enlightened statesman as Pandit Nehru should have acted as he has done. If he is successful, can India escape the so-called liberation?

Yours, etc.,
A REAL CHINESE DEMOCRAT.

AUTHORITIES MUM ON SLOOP ATTACK

Hong Kong naval authorities would neither deny nor confirm local reports that a British sloop was attacked by shore batteries on Lingding Island on Wednesday. An unidentified naval craft, it had been reported, had a piece of shrapnel fall on the deck. Four shells, it was reported, fell about 50 yards off the British sloop.

BALLROOM TO BE OPENED

The Tonnochy Ballroom, 8 Tonnochy Road, Wanchoi, will be officially opened at 8 p.m. today. Mr. A. Y. Chang and Mr. Chan Koon-ying invited a large gathering of friends and representatives of the press to the ballroom yesterday to celebrate the occasion.

Starting where he had left off in his talk on the history of the Hong Kong Volunteers to the Kowloon Rotary Club some months ago, Mr. M. F. Tucker continued his informative talk on the subject of the Club's weekly luncheon at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday.

Entitled "Further Chapters in the History of the Volunteers," Mr. Tucker, who is a member of the Committee for the Compiling of the History of the Hong Kong Volunteers, reminded the Rotarians that the Corps was first formed in 1854 with the idea of assisting the regular forces in the defence of the Colony.

The speaker started the second instalment of his talk with the year 1878 when the Artillery Corps was formed as an adjunct to the regular forces. Enthusiasm for the Corps' growth was first shown by the public but soon all sorts of difficulties were encountered and there was a growing feeling of dissatisfaction.

The public felt that the government was doing not enough and accused the then Governor, Sir John Pope Hennessy, of neglect. The individual volunteer, they said, had to meet too much expenses himself. At a target practice, where seven-pound field guns were used, shells failed to burst.

The Colony's defence budget for 1878 was \$2,948.10. This was itemised as follows: Volunteers' drill instructors at \$200 per month for seven months, \$1,400; honorarium to commandant at \$100 per month, \$350; uniforms, \$331.14; buttons, \$93; and making of caps and trousers, \$461.03.

This dissatisfaction dragged on and on April 29, 1890, the "China Mail" in an editorial said: "Much has recently been said and written, officially and unofficially, concerning this important subject and a great deal

APL vessel requisitioned by U.S. Govt

The American President Lines' freighter President Pierce has been requisitioned by the State Department to make a special trip to Japan from Manila, it was learned yesterday. The Hong Kong office of APL, however, could not confirm the report.

Passengers and cargo from the mobilised ship, it was learned, were transferred to the ex-President Wilson, which arrived yesterday from the Philippines.

It could not be officially ascertained whether the President Pierce would carry troops or supplies to Japan. When and to which port the freighter would go from Manila was also unascertainable.

The President Wilson brought the 12 first-class Chinese passengers who originally had booked passage on the freighter for Taku Bay.

It is the first time an APL ship has been requisitioned by the Government in connection with the Korean War. It was learned that the General Gordon took some 1,300 soldiers from San Francisco to Yokohama but, according to an APL official, ship was not requisitioned to do the job.

It was explained that the troops embarked as with other normal passengers bound for the Far East from San Francisco. A slight change of course was made—not calling at Honolulu—because of the transportation of the troops.

Sudden demand for cotton yarn

A sudden demand from Pakistan for cotton yarn and certain items of cotton cloth, coupled with heavy hoarding by speculators, has sent prices for these two commodities up by 20 per cent and more during the last seven days.

The market has been secured for available ready stock and holders, taking advantage of the situation, have been raising their prices daily, sometimes several times a day, without deterring buyers.

The hoarding fever started as a result of the world situation and fear of war.

Not so long ago their eggs in the same basket, hoarders are reported to have shipped portions of their stocks to Macao or further abroad for safe custody.



Patrol-Second
YUE CHUNG-KWONG

Posthumous presentation to Boy Scout

Posthumous presentation of the Boy Scouts' Cornwall Badge will be made to the father of Patrol-Second Yue Chung-Kwong, 1st 15th Hong Kong (Wah Yan) Group, on Sunday. Young Yue died at the Queen Mary Hospital on July 5, before the arrival of the badge.

The badge will be presented to the boy's father, Mr. Yue Nim-chiu, at the Morse Hut at 5.30 p.m.

The award was made in recognition of the Imperial Headquarters of the Boy Scouts Association of Yue's keenness in Scouting.

Yue fell ill last year. However, he carried out Scouting in the normal manner until April this year when he was compelled to enter Queen Mary Hospital for treatment and rest.

Despite his illness, his keen interest in Scouting did not waver. He invited fellow Scouts to visit him and discuss Scouting matters in hospital.

His condition became worse on July 4 and he died the following day. He was buried at the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

Revenue of KCR

Revenue totalling nearly HK\$1,000,000 was earned by the British Section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, between June 16 and July 15, according to the July report of the General Manager of the British Section.

The figure was HK\$817,543 (passenger: HK\$574,619; goods: HK\$163,584; and miscellaneous receipts: HK\$79,340).

In the month under review, 20 covered goods wagons were received. Double-wide signalling mechanism was installed at Yau-mai Station on July 31. The main mechanism was removed during the Japanese occupation period.

The report added that portions of the Shumshum Railway Bridge, formerly covered with expanded metal, were replaced with wooden planks to provide additional sidewalks.

Taxation officer gets six months

As the result of a Police raid on the Inland Revenue Office in December last year, Chui Yiu-lok, aged 30, a taxation officer of the Department, resigned the next day and left for Canton. However, he returned to the Colony a few days ago and was arrested by the Police on Wednesday.

This was related by Detective Sub-Inspector H. Tyler to the Court yesterday when Chui was charged before Mr. J. Reynolds on three counts of forgery of Inland Revenue documents.

Chui pleaded guilty to all three charges and was sentenced to six months.

The charges against Chui were that on February 15, 1949 he forged an Inland Revenue application for personal assessment form No. 78 in the name of Law Shi-hung of 2, Marsh Road, second floor; that on March 4, 1949, he forged an Inland Revenue personal assessment form No. 65 in the name of Law Shi-hung; and forging an Inland Revenue document repayment claim form No. 75 in the name of Law Shi-hung.

Inspector Tyler said that Chui was employed as a taxation officer in the Inland Revenue Department, and came to know the form No. 78, which he had rendered scryer to the British Government during the War.

In refusing any reduction in the sentence, Mr. Reynolds said that the charge was a serious one. Defendant had been placed in a position of trust but had abused it.

SNATCHER GAOLED

For snatching a wrist watch from a woman teacher in Tai Po Road on Wednesday, Cheung Nam, 28-year-old unemployed, was given a six-month sentence by Mr. J. Reynolds at the District Court.

EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS

Extradition proceedings against Fan Hai man, alias Hillman Fan, aged 29, a wireless operator residing at 399 Hennessy Road, first floor, commenced before Mr. J. Reynolds at Central yesterday.

The Hong Kong Police are holding Fan in custody in connection with the alleged murder of Pang Lai-han, a Chinese woman, whose nude body was found in a bath-tub at the Central Hotel, Macao, on June 26.

The Macao Authorities are making the application for extraditing Fan to Macao. Detective Sub-Inspector C.A.A. Nicol of the Homicide Squad prosecuted while Mr. P. J. Lam appeared for the fugitive.

Mr. Y. H. Chang is holding a watching brief for deceased's family.

Mr. Hugo C. Vieira of the Portuguese Consulate was sworn in as interpreter.

The first witness called by Inspector Nicol was Leung Kwong, a room boy of the Central Hotel in Macao.

Leung told the Court that he had been employed about a month before June 26 and he was on duty at 7.15 p.m. on June 25, when a Chinese man and woman came to the ninth floor and rented a room.

Leung said that he had taken the couple to room No. 121. He noticed that between them they carried a brown paper parcel and a small rattan basket.

He left them in the room and went to prepare tea for them and at the same time he asked another room boy, Chiu Wing, to register them.

Leung said that the man wore a white Chinese-style suit while the woman wore a red dress with printed black flowers on it. At about 10.15 p.m. he saw the man leave the room and go downstairs.

Leung added that he went off duty at midnight and when he returned to work the next day at 10 a.m. he was informed of certain things which had happened while he was away.

At 3 p.m. on June 30, he was visited by a Chinese who produced some photographs and was told to see if he could recognise anyone. In one of the photos he saw the man who had rented room 121 on the night of June 25.

Leung then identified the man as the Fan, who was in the Dock.

Leung also told the Court that he went to the hospital Central Corde de Sao Jose on June 27 where he identified the body of a woman lying in the mortuary as that of the woman who had come to the Central Hotel with a man and rented room 121 on June 25.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lam, Leung said that although he had only been working as a room boy for about a month before the middle of June he had a good memory and could remember a patron's face as it was his duty to do so in connection with his work.

He also denied that he had seen something strange in the behaviour of the woman when they came to rent the room.

The second witness called by Inspector Nicol was Dr. Elsa Maria Jose de Sena Fernandes of the Central Corde de Sao Jan Uniao Hospital.

Dr. Fernandes said that she was present when the first witness, a Police Inspector, and another Chinese had identified the body of the woman in the mortuary on June 27.

After the identification, she conducted a post-mortem on the body and her findings were:

Caustic burns

The deceased woman was about 30 years of age and the body was dissected in a hospital gown. There were dressings on the head and when they were removed brown stains were found. The hair on her head, especially on the right side, was burnt and part of her face, ears, nose and part of her neck were also burnt.

The right side of her neck was also burnt and the brown stains covered the neck and head.

There were no signs of burns or injuries on the lower part of her body inside the mouth, the skin had peeled and the enamel of the teeth had been eaten away by some caustic fluid.

On performing an autopsy on the stomach it was found that the stomach and other internal organs were congested with blood.

In her dissection, death was caused by caustic or corrosive acid being forced down the throat.

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The Reverend Mr. F.E. Wu, Mrs. D.H.M. Wu, Messrs. Alfred C. Ho, C. Wang, and Miss Y.S. Ko arrived in Hong Kong from Vancouver yesterday by Canadian Pacific Air Lines.

Among the arrivals from Japan by Canadian Pacific Airlines yesterday were Mrs. M. Livingston, N.E. Ma, C.Y. Tong, C.W. Raydon and M.C. Tsai.

Air Commodore A.D. Davies, CBE, Air Officer Commanding Hong Kong, will be the guest at today's luncheon of the Air Club at the Edinburgh House.

WEDDING

Lance-Corporal James Collins Drange, 40 Division Signals, at Catterick Camp, Yorkshire, and Miss Hazel Tong, alias Tong Shui-fong, of 1229 Canton Road, second floor, were married at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office yesterday. W. R. Weddington and Tong Chuk-wah were witnesses.

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Heaven Only Knows

British soldiers charged at Central

Reminders

Coming events TOMORROW

Not guilty plea at Central

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**Fined for
possessing
opium**

inquiries made by the police
disclosed that defendant
wanted for other similar crimes

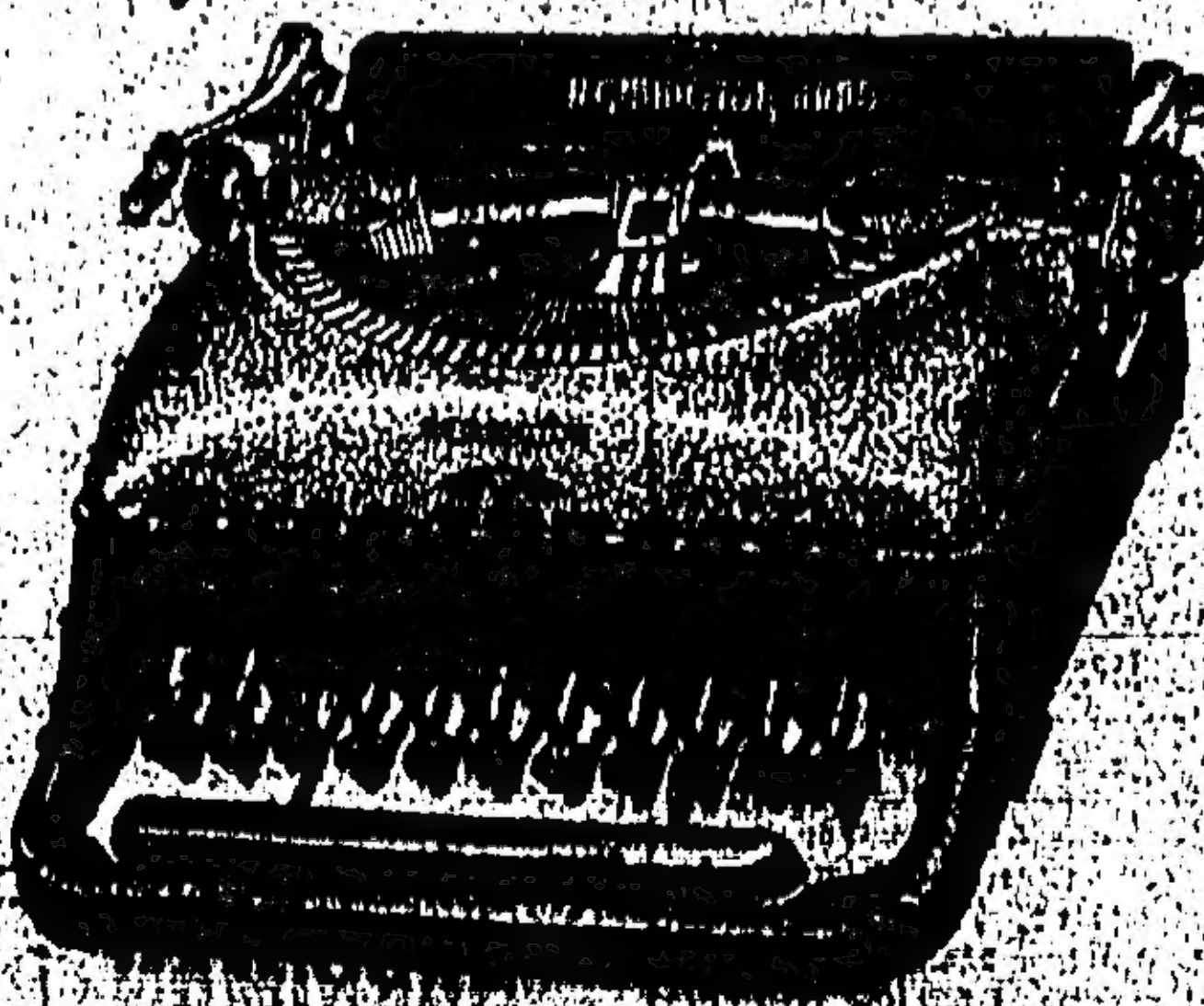
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Mr. Gray, witness replied, that he just felt there was something irregular about Mr. Gray in this connection. He agreed with Mr. Hoffman that he would identify Mr. Gray as a friend.

Before he turned to the facts Mr. d'Almada said he would first recall that at the end of the case for the Crown, submissions were made by Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Malvern to the effect that there was no case to answer for the

he tells himself: "I cannot let the jury think I told a lie." He comes back the next day and says he remembers seeing the plane and everything involved, a statement the jurors believe.

Judge that the piece of evidence capable of being construed consistently with the guilt of an accused as well as his innocence cannot be regarded as dispositive evidence for the prosecution.

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his court was made by the Royal Air Force. To substantiate his promise he was said to have issued identity cards to some plainclothes.

Inquiries made by the police disclosed that defendant was wanted for other similar offenses.

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ment, Hong Kong.

J. JOLLY,
DIRECTOR OF
MARINE.

Marine Office,
Hong Kong.
August 3, 1950.

DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE
& INDUSTRY
NOTICE

This Department will be
closed on Monday, the 7th of
August, 1950, for all purposes
except for entry and clearance
of ships' manifests between 9
a.m. and 10 a.m.

A. G. CLARKE
Director of Commerce
& Industry.

Hong Kong, August 1, 1950.

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The Exchange Banks will be
closed for the transaction of
public business on Monday,
the 7th August, 1950. (The first
Monday in August).

Hong Kong, August 4, 1950.

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from August 1, 1950 we have
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NOTICE

THE REGISTRATION OF
PERSONS ORDINANCE, 1949

Arrangements have been
made to register, photograph
and thumbprint all persons
holding valid wireless receiv-
ing licences together with the
members of their families over
the age of 12 years.

Registration will take place
at the following centres:—

Kowloon:
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ment School.

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nedy Road (side en-
trance).

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and WHO HAVE NOT COM-
MENCED REGISTRATION
PROCEDURE ELSEWHERE,
should go with their family
over the age of 12 years, to
one of these centres according
to the time set out below
against the number of their
wireless licence. All persons
must produce their wireless
licence and have their name,
address, age and occupation
set out on a slip of paper; in
the case of Chinese persons, in
Chinese and English, in the
case of all other persons in
English.

PERSONS ARE WARNED
THAT IT IS A SERIOUS
OFFENCE TO REGISTER
MORE THAN ONCE.

FRIDAY, 4th AUGUST

99800 — 100000	9.00 a.m.
100001 — 101400	9.30 a.m.
101401 — 102200	10.00 a.m.
102201 — 103000	10.30 a.m.
103001 — 103800	11.00 a.m.
103801 — 104600	11.30 a.m.
104601 — 105400	12 noon
105401 — 106200	12.30 p.m.
106201 — 107000	2.15 p.m.
107001 — 107800	2.45 p.m.
107801 — 108600	3.15 p.m.
108601 — 109400	3.45 p.m.
109401 — 110200	4.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, 5th AUGUST

110201 — 111000	9.00 a.m.
111001 — 111800	9.30 a.m.
111801 — 112600	10.00 a.m.
112601 — 113400	10.30 a.m.
113401 — 114200	11.00 a.m.
114201 — 115000	11.30 a.m.
115001 — 115800	12 noon
115801 — 116600	12.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, 8th AUGUST

116601 — 117400	9.00 a.m.
117401 — 118200	9.30 a.m.
118201 — 119000	10.00 a.m.
119001 — 119800	10.30 a.m.
119801 — 120600	11.00 a.m.
120601 — 121400	11.30 a.m.
121401 — 122200	12 noon
122201 — 123000	12.30 p.m.
123001 — 123800	2.15 p.m.
123801 — 124600	2.45 p.m.
124601 — 125400	3.15 p.m.
125401 — 126200	3.45 p.m.
126201 — 127000	4.15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 9th AUGUST

127001 — 127800	9.00 a.m.
127801 — 128600	9.30 a.m.
128601 — 129400	10.00 a.m.
129401 — 130200	10.30 a.m.
130201 — 131000	11.00 a.m.
131001 — 131800	11.30 a.m.

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PHOTOGRAPHS
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Silva's defence closes

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Mr. d'Almada at this point
asked the jury to assume that
Mr. Silva was guilty. On this
assumption, Mr. Silva must
have put himself into Mr.
Cowie's power in spite of the
fact that he knew the latter's
reputation. So that, even
though Mr. Cowie went through
giving the perjured evidence,
Mr. Silva would have laid him-
self open to blackmail from Mr.
Cowie for the rest of his life.

A rat like Cowie

Counsel further asked whether
it was possible for a man like
Mr. Silva to go up to "a rat like
Cowie" with \$2,000 and run the
risk of being found out, without
taking any sort of precaution
whatsoever.

Referring to the dramatic turn

mentioned in the newspapers
when the second accused dis-
appeared, Mr. d'Almada recalled
that Mr. McNeill had previously
mentioned that his client was a
poor speaker in English. Coun-
sel pointed out however that
throughout the proceedings when
Mr. Tam was present in the
dock, it was not necessary for
him to have an interpreter to
help him keep up with the pro-
ceedings.

"I submit his disappearance is
consistent with one thing, his
own guilt in the matter, and
his conspiracy with other per-
sons unknown, but not with Silva."

"The Crown will say to you
in his words: 'Well, the game is
up between me and Silva. I
better beat it.' But there is no
evidence whatsoever before you
of any concert or agreement be-
tween Tam and Silva. Note in
passing also that Tam in his
interview with Cowie used the
false name 'Lo'. Note also that
his alleged co-conspirator, Silva,
did not even know the name 'Lo'."

Mr. d'Almada went on to say
that there is no suggestion that
the case of Mr. Silva and second
accused should go along together.
Both were "at arms length".
Mr. Tam was arrested, charged
and subsequently bailed, and he
prepares for a trial.

At the police court committal
proceedings, Mr. Tam hears the
evidence against him. He knows
the evidence consists of Mr.
Cowie's words as to his own
words and actions on May 31.
He remains where he is for the
time being. But when he hears
Mr. Silva's evidence, Mr. Tam
goes off and has a good think.
The next morning, he disappears.
Asking the jury as to what
conclusion they would draw from
this, Mr. d'Almada submitted that
Mr. Tam ran away because he
feared cross-examination not only
by Mr. Hooton, but also by Mr.
Sheidon.

Returning to the subject of
Mr. Cowie, Mr. d'Almada sub-
mitted that Mr. Cowie had been
informed by someone that Mr.
Silva was going to approach him
beforehand. So Mr. Cowie in-
formed the police, and is out
to help them trap Mr. Silva.

The police instructs him to
agree to any arrangements and
suggestions by Mr. Silva, and
gives him a free hand. Mr.
d'Almada went on to say that
Mr. Tam ran away because he
feared cross-examination not only
by Mr. Hooton, but also by Mr.
Sheidon.

Because if he had come out
with something about the per-
jured statement, he knew Mr.
Silva would say: "What the
devil are you talking about?"

Counsel added here that Mr.
Cowie did what he had done be-
cause he had thought it would
raise his status with the police;
but it had failed to do so.
"For these reasons, I submit
that the only possible verdict to
bring in is not guilty, as far as
Mr. Silva is concerned." Mr. d'Almada
stated eventually, in conclusion.

Hearing was adjourned at yes-
terday until 10 a.m. today, when
Crown Counsel will address the
jury.

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PUBLIC HOLIDAY—7th AUGUST, 1950.

HOURS OF BUSINESS.

BUTCHERY & PROVISIONS DEPARTMENTS

All Branches & Windsor House	CLOSED ALL DAY.
DAIRY DEPARTMENT	
Lower Albert Road	
East Point Branch	7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.
Kowloon Branch	
Windsor House Annex	
Peak Branch	9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
COLD STORAGE DEPARTMENT	
East Point	
Connaught Road, Central	8.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.
Canton Road, Kowloon	
ICE SALES	
East Point	
Kowloon Branch	USUAL HOURS
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WORST POSSIBLE PLAY

EVERY GOOD cardman has
suffered aberrations which caused
him to play some important suit
in the worst possible way. Once
in a blue moon, you will see the
same player do that with two
suits and thereby toss away a
contract that he could have made.
If you do that yourself, don't let
it upset you and make you think
you are the only person in the
world who does such things.
Everybody does. The factor which
determines whether you are a
good or a bad player is the fre-
quency or infrequency of such
lapses as compared with your
good performances.

SAJ8
HAQ4
DAKQ652
C8
S10952
H32
DJ104
C.K76
N
W
E
S
K87
H95
D98
CQ109
S
Q43
HJ10876
D7
CAJ42
(Dealer: North. North-South
vulnerable).

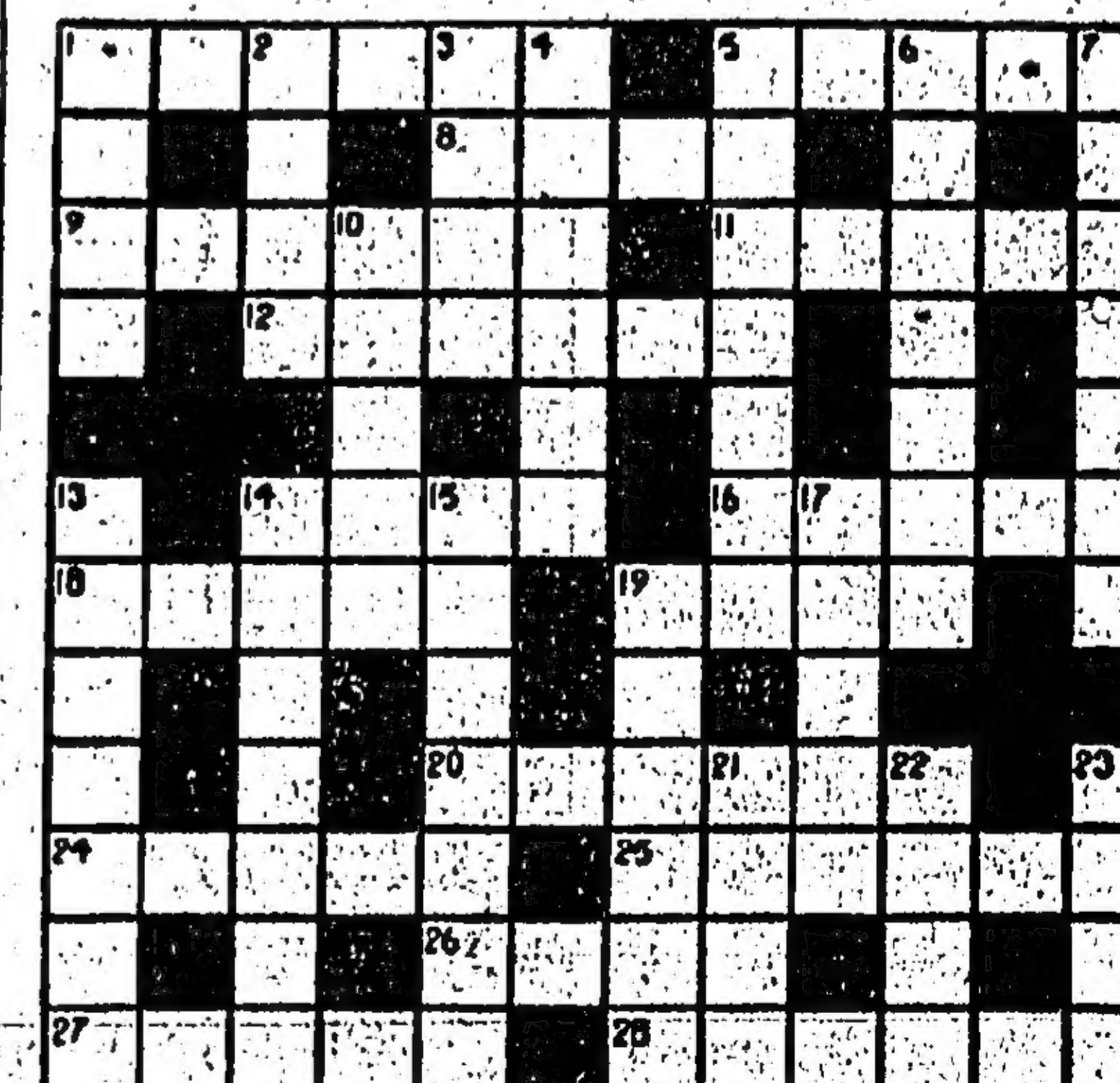
North East South West
1D 2C Pass Pass
3D Pass 3NT
With quite different bidding
sequences, most Souths got into
4-Hearts on this tournament
deal. In fact, a number of them
faced the same preceding bids,
then bid 3-Hearts over the 3-
Diamonds. Some bid the suit
first after East passed the 1-
Diamond, and therefore got nat-
urally into the heart game
which could not help being made.
Some in fact scored an extra
trick.

This single 3-Notrumps de-
clarer did a masterful job of
botching the play. West dutifully
led the club suit bid by his part-
ner, the 6 being covered by the
Q and won by the A. Next
South sent the heart J through
to the K and the club 10 was
turned. South put on the 3
and the K won. The club 7 return
to the 9 gave East the setting
tricks.
South had two better ways to
play the clubs. One was to duck
the first two, then tell the K with
the A. The other was to use the
A on the first trick and later
duck the second club. The meth-
od actually employed was as
bad as possible.
The hearts were also played
terribly, assuring the blocking of
the suit. Better work would
have been a low card to the Q
on the first trick, hoping East
would take it at once, setting up
the whole suit. If East held up,
then the A followed by a low
one would have fixed it so that
East would have had to put 3
back in for the remainder with
a club if that suit had been play-
ed right. As South botched the
hand, the defenders had no
chance to make a mistake, that
would have helped him.

Tomorrow's Problem
S10964
H92
DJ10952
CQ109
S
W
E
S
K87
H95
D98
CQ109
S
Q43
HJ10876
D7
CAJ42
(Dealer: South. North-South
vulnerable).

How should South play for his
4-Hearts after West scores two
spades, then leads the club 7,
East playing the 6 on dummy's 4?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Winding
5 Spacious
8 Tidings
9 Material
11 Take with-
out right
12 Draught
14 Liquid mea-
sure
16 Boredom
18 Vehemence
19 Gait
20 Transfix
24 Induce
25 Penetrate
26 Invalid
27 Schism
28 Protective
body

Yesterday's Crossword
Across—1 Muffs, 4 Waives,
6 Locom, 10 Miser, 12 Resident, 15
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5 Apart
6 Discreet
7 Make dear
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14 By degrees
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21 In ill
22 Therefore
23 Joke

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CINEMA WORLD

Exciting war film now at the Roxy, Broadway Theatres

Rating: ★ ★ ★

A woman who asked the Duke of Wellington whether English soldiers ever ran away was curtly told: "All soldiers run away, madam."

From the day he starts his officer training every cadet has drummed into him Napoleon's remark: "Armies never fail through the fault of their men but always through the faults of their officers."

Bette Davis in drama

Rating: ★ ★ ★

"Beyond The Forest," which is now at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, is heavy drama that demonstrates only too clearly that Bette Davis is far from a "has-been" when it comes to acting.

Although the film is likely to leave a bad taste in your mouth, you'll probably cheer Miss Davis for her excellent performance as the bored but ambitious wife of a small town doctor who is literally consumed by her own passions.

Longing to escape from the town and her husband (Joseph Cotten) to a life of luxury which she feels she is entitled to, Miss Davis discovers to her chagrin that the average individual is not so much master of his own destiny as he thinks he is.

Miss Davis does everything to further her ambition: she even resorts to murder. But it is to no avail, and she finds herself swallowed up by her own chicanery. The end comes with dramatic swiftness and can only be termed a commendable climax to a life of lechery, lust and too ambitious aspirations.

There is very little else to comment on "Beyond The Forest" apart from the fact that the heavy-lidded, fan-tied Bette Davis dominates the entire show. All the other characters are mere pawns that move about in silent terror of Miss Davis' diabolical mind.

The man who is the immediate cause of the heroine's downfall is David Brian, a strapping new-comer who tries hard to struggle out of the shadow of Bette Davis' impressive performance.

Some comic relief is provided by Dona Drake, as an Indian servant, whose lubricious hips, strident hair and slovenly ways make her an inspired miniature satire of her mistress.

Both pronouncements come to mind in connection with "Twelve O'Clock High" another outstanding American war film now at the Roxy and Broadway.

This film deals intimately, faithfully, and frankly with problems of war which are not normally aired in films designed for entertainment.

What makes a leader? Why does one fighting unit do better than another, though both consist of exactly the same kind of man? What is courage and how can it be developed and conserved? How long can a fighting man stick it?

These are matters seldom presented to the layman, who knows them only through the conventional jargon of medal citations, the clichés of war reporting and through the embarrassed silences of fighting relatives.

"Twelve O'Clock High" brings this material into the open and without distorting the truth makes an uncommonly fine dramatic entertainment of it.

It is the story of an American bomber group which, after crippling losses in the early daylight raids on Europe, is thoroughly demoralised and practically on the verge of mutiny.

Their commander is replaced and a new man (Gregory Peck) is appointed to put things right. He achieves this by ruthless discipline and by sheer leadership, but only after a long and difficult struggle. He then takes the revitalised group into successful action in the main daylight raids at the climax of the war.

For the flying combat scenes the official war films made during actual raids have been used, and nothing more exciting in this line has yet been seen on the screen.

But they are made twice as effective by what has gone before.

Gregory Peck, as the group commander, gives the finest performance of his career, and there is faultless acting by Dean Jagger, Millard Mitchell, Bob Patten, Hugh Marlowe, and Gary Merrill.

Henry King's direction has exploited to the full what is quite one of the best war films ever made.



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ALLAN LADD, WANDA HENDRIX and ENEMIES

Decently clad

Alan Ladd carries his gun again

Rating: ★ ★ ★

Alan Ladd, the Hollywood actor who appears to be undressed if he hasn't a gun in his hand, is decently clad in "Captain Carey, U.S.A.," which opens today at the Lee and Liberty Theatres.

The film is a thrilling product of versatile Mitchell Leisen, and the use of authentic background scenes adds to the enjoyment. Co-starred with Mr. Ladd are Wanda Hendrix and Francis Lederer.

The story hinges around Ladd's attempt to track down the person who betrayed him

while he was working in Italy as an OSS agent during the latter part of the war.

He returns to Italy, and his chase for the traitor gets him entangled with a lot of strange characters. He also finds that the OSS agent of the yesteryear was a far more popular man than plain Mr. Ladd several years after the end of the fighting. The hostility of the populace—another hangover from the night of betrayal—only spurs Ladd to bring the traitor to justice.

In his avenging role, Ladd successfully wields his gun, and also manages to mix it with the villain in a scrap in which blood flows almost as freely as Italian wine.

All in all, "Captain Carey, U.S.A." is a suspenseful movie that manages to offer realism—thrills, and otherwise—and some tender romance between Mr. Ladd and the diminutive Miss Hendrix. Francis Lederer plays the villain, while an assortment of comparatively unknown supporting actors and actresses turn in surprising performances.

STAR THEATRE

August Films

- TODAY AND TOMORROW
THE CONSTANT NYMPH (R)
6. 7. FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS (C & R)
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9. ALL MY SONS
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- 11.12. ALL THE KING'S MEN
- 12.14. IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME (C)
15. NEW ORLEANS
- 16.17. SO DEAR TO MY HEART
- 18.19. PINKY
- 20.21. I WAS A MALE WAR BRIDE
22. NIGHT HAS A THOUSAND EYES
23. JOHN LOVES MARY
24. QUARTET
- 25.26. NONECOMING
- 27.28. LOOK FOR THE SILVER LINING (C)
29. MRS. SHEFFINGTON (R)
- 30.31. THE KID FROM TEXAS (C)
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RATINGS

The "China Mail" is using the following classifications to indicate to readers the quality of films reviewed:

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"FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS"
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Starring—Gary Cooper
Ingrid Bergman

Suspense film with a wallop

Rating: ★ ★ ★

Suspense reaches the gasping point at the King's Theatre, where the Hal Wallis-Anatole Litvak production of Paramount's "Sorry, Wrong Number," a murder thriller with an entirely new slant, is now showing.

Co-starring Barbara Stanwyck and Burt Lancaster, "Sorry, Wrong Number" is a shriek-by-shriek picture of the encroachment of murder. It compels its audience to shrink in common horror with a woman who early in the story overhears her death being plotted and, in an hour and a half of helpless, horrified, awaits her end.

Enlarged and transposed to the screen from Lucille Fletcher's radio play, the film contains many more shudders than the half-hour network thriller which was heard here recently over Rediffusion.

Barbara Stanwyck turns in a fine performance as the bed-ridden neurotic whose only means of communication with the outside world is the telephone. But, for her, the phone becomes an instrument of slow death from the moment she accidentally overhears two men plotting the murder of an unnamed woman.

Her terror is intensified with each succeeding, mysterious call—from her husband's old girl friend, from his business associates—all piecing together the death plan and all pointing to one victim, herself.

Then the harrowing climactic call from her frantic husband—a desperate attempt to cancel the agreement he made for murder—which she cannot answer because of a pair of hands slowly tightening around her throat.

Burt Lancaster does a fine job as Miss Stanwyck's husband, a man from the wrong side of the tracks—strong on the outside, but weak within, the victim of his frustrations. The supporting cast, headed by Ann Richards, Wendell Corey and Harold Vermilyea is also to be highly commended.

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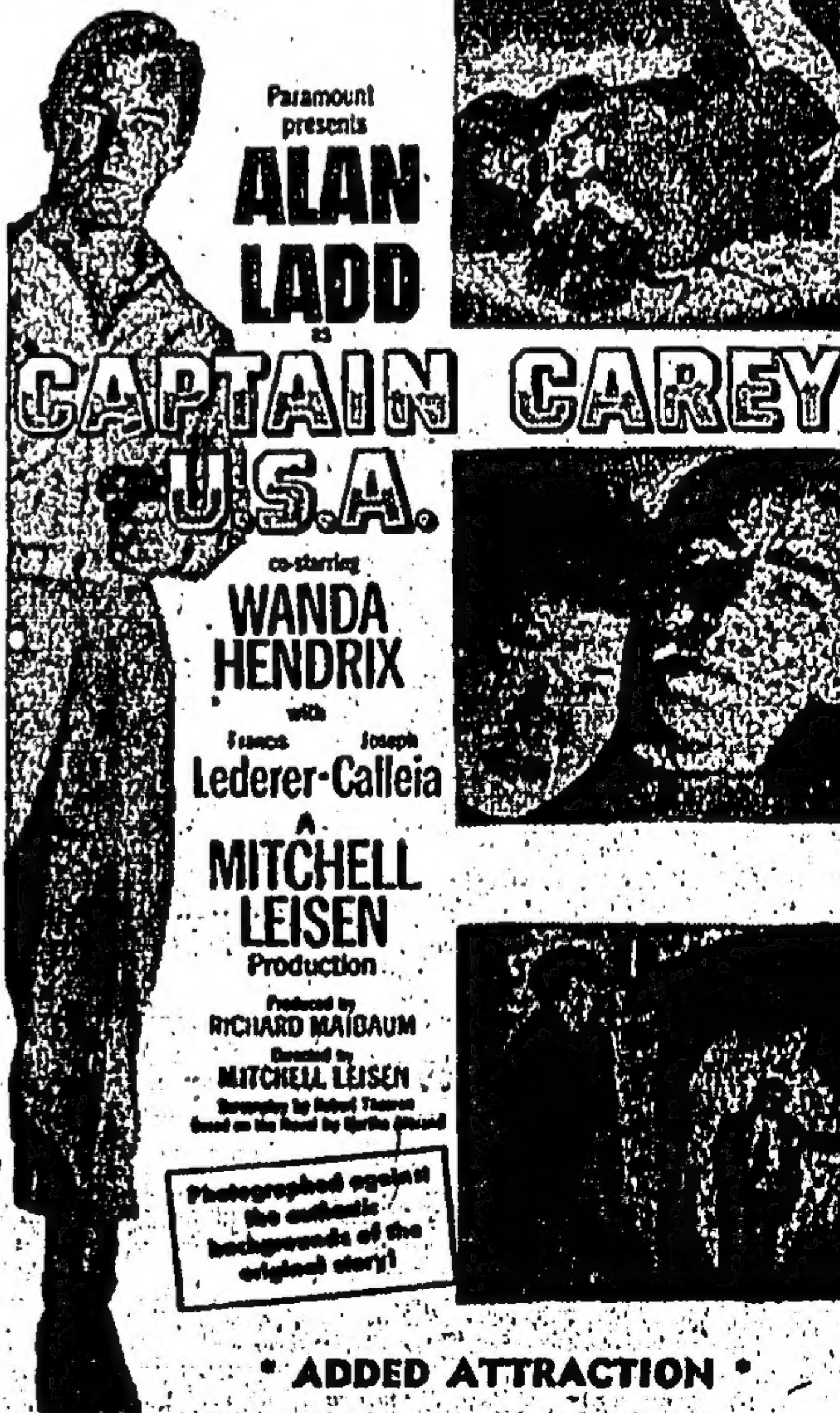


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CLAGUE—On August 3, to Margaret Isolin, wife of J. D. Clague, a daughter.

"VENI VIDI VICI."

After his visit to Taipei, General MacArthur might justly say, "with the hook-nosed fellow in Rome," that he came, saw, and overcame. His visit had nothing to do with politics—he makes that perfectly clear. His "short reconnaissance," as he put it, was solely concerned with the defence of the main island of Taiwan, which is now part of his many responsibilities. But though it changed nothing in a political sense, his visit was a great popular success.

The Nationalists hardly know what to make of the original Truman statement. If it warned the Communists off, it likewise warned the Nationalists off the mainland. It almost always happens that if you try to please two parties in a conflict, neither is pleased. That is precisely what happened in this instance, but considerations of "face," always a vital matter with the Chinese, have been satisfied by the visit. Moreover, they don't feel quite so much alone in a hard world, and while nothing much will be changed if the People's Government keeps out of trouble, the discussions and other measures will no doubt ensure effective co-ordination of action in defence should Peking become involved in a world war or defy the ban.

Nobody knows better than General MacArthur how to win friends and influence people. What effect it will have on Peking has yet to be revealed. So far it has said nothing about the visit. In any event it cannot say much more than it has already said in denunciation of what it calls "American aggression in Taiwan."

The important thing is that in a political sense the position remains unchanged, unless and until Peking moves from threat to action. The Koreans are serving the Kremlin handsomely, and paying a heavy price for it. The Russians would like nothing better than to see the Chinese Communists similarly committed, but Peking will show more sense and at least wait until the position in Korea has been "clarified." And when finally it is, it can only be a still greater deterrent.

An attack on the mainland is still ruled out, and no Chinese troops are to go to Korea, which in the North has a long frontier with the heart of Manchuria. The Americans have got over that delicate poser very neatly by declaring that the Nationalist troops are needed for the defence of Taiwan. A suggestion in one of the local Chinese papers that General MacArthur egged the Nationalists on to an early invasion of the mainland is nonsense.

In the meantime the Generalissimo has used the summer of the Nationalists' discontent to organise another "reform" of the Kuomintang. It used to be a common saying that the more it was reformed, the more it remained the same. But undoubtedly the latest re-organisation has strengthened General Chiang Kai-shek's own authority and removed a lot of dead wood as well as the leaders of the

AMERICANS PREPARE FOR GRIM DAYS AHEAD

By Clifford Hulme

According to President Truman the trouble in Korea is due to a "bunch of bandits." While heartily agreeing, many Americans are just as mad at another bunch of "bandits" much nearer home—in fact, right at home.

"Scalping" was a word once confined to a custom practised by uncivilised Red Indian warriors. It is now employed to describe the commercial practices of a lot of hundred per cent white American shopkeepers in this year 1950.

For example, a haircut costs the equivalent of eight shillings and pence now, against seven shillings and one penny last month.

"Soap and towels have gone up in price," explained the barber, as he "trimmed" me of the extra one shilling and pence.

The butcher did not even answer when my wife asked why lamb chops have risen in two weeks from six shillings and pence a lb. to nine shillings and pence a lb.

Which came first—higher prices, or the war-scare buying stampede—is hard to say; but there is no doubt that Mr. Truman's call for bigger armed forces, higher taxes, control of prices and home front controls over key industrial commodities has intensified the rush to the shops, and has sent prices climbing like a mountain-goat.

Truman ignored

That is easily the most conspicuous effect of the Korean crisis just now. Only a few of the 150,000,000 Americans have relatives in the firing line so far. Even the call-up of several thousand reserves still leaves the bulk of the nation with no direct personal interest in the fighting.

Hence the dominant mood is to do whatever is possible to cushion the impact of grimmer days to come by storing up food, clothes, household goods, car tyres, and all the other things that became scarce during the Second World War.

Mr. Truman's appeal to the public to go slow on buying has had no more effect than a peashooter would have on a Stalin tank. Profiteering and commodity speculation are rampant.

Yet while a big chunk of the nation behaves as if direct austerity were just around the corner the fact is that American factories and farms are pouring out a record flood of goods, and food and stocks of almost everything are more than ample.

What we are seeing now is an exhibition of one aspect of universal human nature in a crisis; and since, as Mr. Bernard Baruch has lamented, "You can't repeal human nature," what is the next step?

The alternative

Those Americans who are thinking of something else than hoarding or profiteering expect one of two things: either the buying craze will subside, or Mr. Truman will carry out his threat to seek price controls and rationing.

The very large number of less prosperous Americans who lack the means, though probably not the wish, to hoard are joining in the clamour already raised by influential voices in Congress for compulsory controls.

Lenders of big business and industry claim that reliance on voluntary controls will take care of the situation at this stage, and Mr. Truman has met this school of thought halfway.

The next few weeks will prove the soundness or otherwise of this view, but the man-in-the-street is disposed to welcome more drastic Government measures. Everywhere one encounters the opinion that if some men are to be compelled to risk their lives in battle it is only fair that those left at home should accept control of their wealth, profits, wages and comforts.

Anxious mood

By nature Americans like action and are ill-suited to facing periods of uncertainty such as the present twilight between peace and war.

That is one reason why they welcomed Mr. Truman's decision a month ago in drawing a line against Communist aggression. They felt they knew where they stood. But the almost universal human nature in a crisis; and since, as Mr. Bernard Baruch has lamented, "You can't repeal human nature," what is the next step?

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If a long-retired colonel of the Indian Cavalry were to leave Bournemouth or Frinton or Cheltenham and have a look at Poona today he would have all his fears and doubts about the Indian Army dispelled.

He would find the same pride of service, the same meanness, the same strict mess discipline that existed when he was there.

The new Britons get to work

By Alan Humphreys

Chandni Chowk, in Old Delhi, used to be called "The Richest Street in Asia" because there were concentrated the city's jewellers, goldsmiths, and silversmiths.

It's probably still Asia's richest street, but the Chowk today has lost a lot of its former exclusive character.

It's strewn with refugee shops and stalls and made noisy by hawkers all offering anything but gems and precious metals.

At the far end, where the tram run, an industrial area has sprung up, secondary industries started by refugee manufacturers.

One of these factories produces wire thread. It's completely Indian-owned, but the mill supervisor is 48-year-old Fred Taylor, from Wythenshawe, Manchester.

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Lottery to make them work harder

By J. D. S. ALAN

Every Friday lunchtime a big electric revolving drum is drawn round the Austin car works at Longbridge, Birmingham.

It stops in one of the 10 zones—a different one every week—and a workman is selected at random to draw names from the 20,000-odd slips inside.

Every employee has one chance, be he manager or floor-sweeper. Directors are excluded. First prizes are now often reach £750. Second prize is half the first amount, third is half the second, and fourth and fifth prizes are half the third.

More than £100,000 has been disbursed through this weekly ballot since it was introduced in March 1948 as an incentive bonus scheme.

Employees are debarred only because of absenteeism or misbehaviour. And absentee figures are low.

The scheme was devised by Mr. Leonard P. Lord, energetic chairman and managing director, who was once Nuffield's right-hand man.

Lord wanted a bonus scheme, but considered that the sum available, if levelled out, would be too small to be a stimulus.

He knew that most people like a gamble. But he did not want a scheme which would cost money to enter or would take much time to operate.

A sliding scale was set. For production of 1,700 cars a week the first prize would be £75 increasing by £37 10s. for each extra 100 cars.

Twice won 1st prize

A limit of £712 10s. first prize was set for production of 3,400 cars. But when the ceiling was reached and passed the directors kept on, and no new limit was set.

So far, one in every 33 employees has drawn a prize. The money is subject to income tax. One employee at the London Service Depot, won first prize twice in three weeks, each worth £412 10s.

Two Robinsons, unrelated, but both of Cradley Heath, won prizes one week. One was a first, of £225, the other the fourth, £28 2s. 6d.

Longbridge and Northfield contingents won the first three prizes two weeks running, a total of £1,583. In all, this district has won £21,445.

Bromsgrove residents are next with £10,651.

He was surprised

Sometimes the employees take the draw casually. At others they mass round in great numbers. It was at a very well-attended draw that the electric drum refused to work.

An electrician checked connections and the motor, striving all he could to correct the fault, to a barrage of good-natured chaff. At last the drum was spun by hand.

A slip was drawn. And was the electrician's face red! His name was on the ticket for first prize of £450. He has not yet heard the last of it.



Turkey and Greece want to join the North Atlantic Pact. Surely this is a bit out of place?

"Two court doctors visit Elizabeth for pre-natal care." Couldn't they have gone to a clinic, instead of bothering the Princess at such a time?

"War fear causes retrenchment in Red Shanghai." In a lot of other places it's causing enrichment.

The Nationalists were in entire agreement about sending live Formosan lobsters to General MacArthur. There was, however, no claws in the agreement.

"Britons' beer consumption down." That's where it's supposed to go.

Judging by Delhi's reaction, the French Mahe have trouble over their Indian settlement.

"He's a man to be proud of, been, hard-working, devoted to you. But in he, perhaps, working a little bit too hard?" And you, old bean, how about you?

Local report says: "Apart from brief periods, the ban (on political processions in London) has been in force with the approval of the Home Secretary."

That gentleman being in supreme control of such matters, it would be interesting to hear more about these "brief periods."

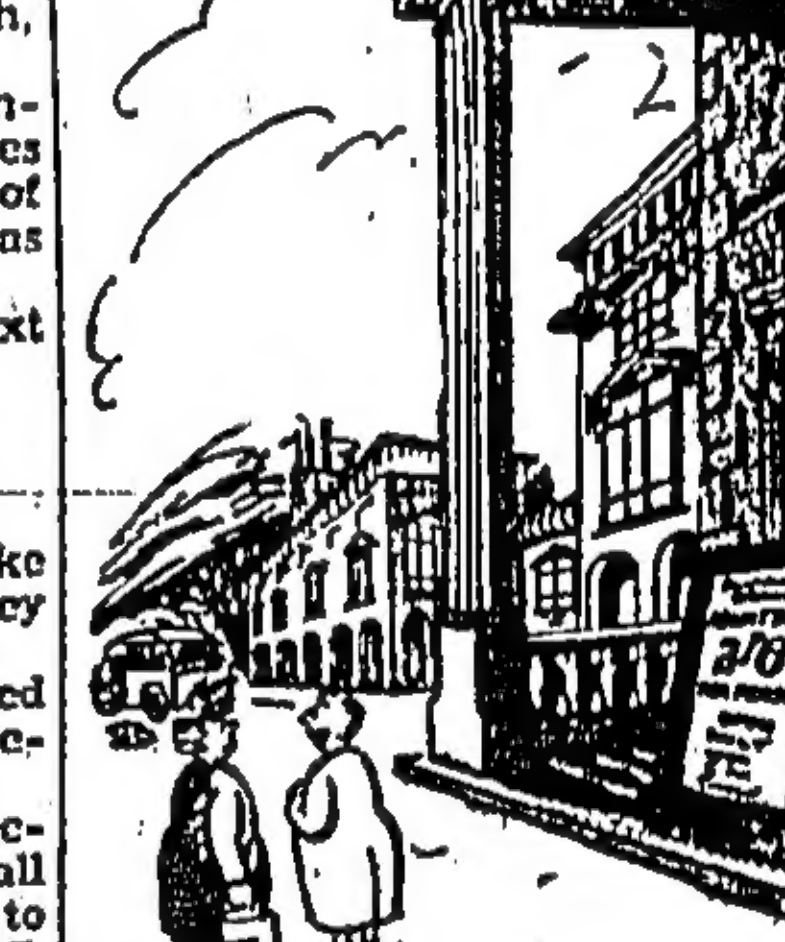
Statistics can be used to support anything—especially statisticians.

Interesting picture of Rila and her husband yesterday afternoon, even if All could do was to get the seat of his pants into view.

Yesterday's contribution to the language: "Guerilla pestered Vietnam." If it's pests you're talking about, these are not confined to Indo-China.

"Pravda" says there are few air raid shelters in Pyongyang because the North Koreans did not expect the war.

You can say that again, preferably to the Marines.



"It's all right, but it wouldn't suit my old man—he'd never get his feet on those mantelpieces."

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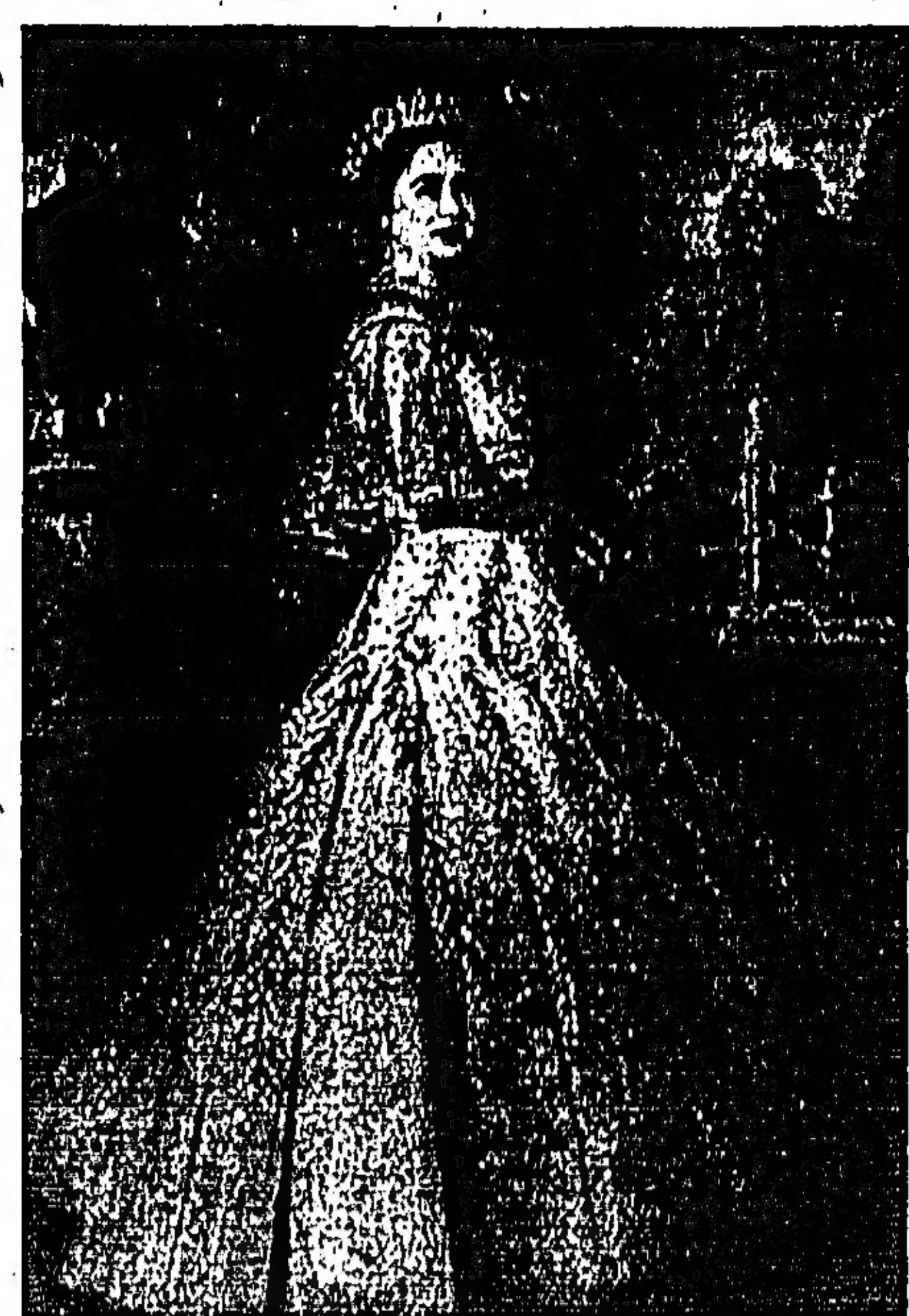
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HINT OF MORE AMERICAN AID FOR TAIWAN

Washington, August 2.

The Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, indicated today that the United States was reviewing its policy on Taiwan, and that announcements of additional American assistance may be forthcoming soon.

Mr. Acheson, at his weekly Press conference, declined to answer flatly "Yes" or "No", when asked whether the United States planned to send arms to aid Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists in repelling any Communist thrust from the mainland.

Mr. Acheson also refused to confirm or deny reports that the Chinese Nationalists had been given use of American military procurement facilities in the United States, relieving them of the necessity to bid for war equipment in the open market.

All these matters were being given consideration, he said, and there would be news on the subject in due course.

Mr. Acheson said that, so far, he thought the United States actions regarding Taiwan were entirely consistent with President Truman's June 27 statement, in which he announced that he had ordered the United States Seventh Fleet to patrol the waters between Taiwan and the mainland, in order to prevent any act of aggression by either side.

However, the tenor of Mr. Acheson's remarks left the impression that additional assistance to the embattled Nationalists would probably be forthcoming.

Limited aid?

Mr. Acheson declined, in answering a series of news conference questions, to say what specific steps this Government will take.

Other responsible officials expect that the United States will shortly resume sending military aid to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek on a limited basis, beginning with spare parts and ammunition.

Mr. Acheson was told at his news conference that reports were current that the United States was altering its policy on Taiwan and was about to supply arms once more to the Chinese Nationalists.

"Would that indicate a change in our attitude from last January?" he was asked.

Mr. Acheson replied that President Harry Truman had out-

Royal Navy reserves reporting for duty

Portsmouth, August 3. British naval reserves called into active service because of the Korean crisis began streaming into Portsmouth Barracks yesterday.

The first contingent, all enlisted specialists, numbered 120 men. Others will report here during the next six days.

Call-up of reserves, who will report to the Plymouth and Chatham depots, will begin next week. The Navy has so far declined to disclose how many are involved in all, but observers here believe the total will be several thousand.

In announcing the call-up last week, the Admiralty said the purpose was to put its Far Eastern Fleet on a full-scale war footing. Elements of this fleet have been placed under the command of General Douglas MacArthur in Korean waters.

Elizabeth hopes it will be a girl

London, August 2.

The home of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh was being prepared today for the birth, expected next week, of their second child—whom both parents hope will be a girl.

Princess Elizabeth was reported to be so confident that she was thinking only of girls' names. Anne was said to be the favourite. The child will probably be born in the Princess's suite at Clarence House. —United Press.

lined his policy toward Taiwan in a statement on June 27. This statement aimed at neutralising Taiwan in keeping with the policy of localising the Korean conflict if possible. The statement of last January had declared a complete hands off policy towards Taiwan.

Mr. Acheson said all that the Administration is now doing is consistent with the President's June 27 statement. —United Press and Associated Press.

Washington, August 3. President Harry Truman has taken under advisement an invitation to attend a dinner in New York on September 9 honouring the United Nations General Assembly President, Carlos P. Romulo, and his successor, to be chosen on September 18. —Associated Press.

RUSSIA CHALLENGED IN UNITED NATIONS

ANGLO-U.S. DEMAND FOR GENUINE PEACE PLAN

Lake Success, August 2.

The United States and Britain today challenged Russia to produce before the United Nations any genuine proposals it might have for peace in Korea.

The chief American delegate, Warren Austin, calling for immediate Security Council action on the United States' proposal, to localise the Korean war, added: "If there are any other proposals to be made that will genuinely promote peace and security in the area of the conflict, the whole spirit of humanity demands that they be made without further delay."

The British delegate, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, said the West would rejoice if the Russians turned up with some concrete Korean peace proposals that would be consistent with the United Nations Charter and with the firm action taken by the United Nations in the Korean case.

The double challenge, was the West's answer to yesterday's proposal by the Soviet delegate, Jacob Malik, that the Council accept an agenda that would mean first another fight over the Chinese credentials and then the discussion of "peaceful settlement of the Korean question."

Mr. Malik also heard spokesmen for France, Ecuador, Cuba, Norway and Nationalist China support Britain and the United States. He then renewed his proposal that the Council adopt his two-point agenda and, if it so desired, take on Mr. Austin's resolution as a third item. He charged that the American resolution spoke only in "diplomatic language" when it referred to "localisation" of the Korean conflict.

"In plain language," he continued, "that means to extend and continue this conflict. It means to increase supplies to the fighting forces, to send more fighter planes and rocket planes and Superfortresses to the fighting area and increase the scope of destruction. We have introduced another concept of peaceful settlement of the Korean conflict."

The Council adjourned at 10.15 p.m. (GMT) without a vote and is to start its next session tomorrow at 7 p.m. (GMT). Mr. Malik, who ended Russia's 20-week boycott yesterday to assume the Presidency of the Security Council in his regular turn, called the Council into session shortly after 7 p.m. today to renew the procedural wrangle on whether the issue of sending Communist China to the United Nations or the problem of the United Nations' Korean war effort should take top priority on the agenda. The American-led Western powers wanted prior consideration of a resolution presented by Warren Austin (United States) which condemned North Korea for its continued defiance of the United Nations and called on all members of the world organisation to join in preventing the spread of the Korean conflict and to refrain from assisting or encouraging the Red Korean authorities. The latter part of it was directly aimed at the Kremlin.

British blast

Mr. Malik arrived at the Council chamber at 7.10 p.m. GMT. He was smiling as he walked down the corridor, followed by reporters and photographers. As usual, he was carrying a bulging leather briefcase. He was as enigmatic as ever, declining to answer reporters' questions. He convened the meeting at 7.14 p.m. and the Council heard the translation into French of the speech he delivered yesterday.

After brief introductory remarks concerning the agenda, Mr. Malik gave the floor to Sir Gladwyn Jebb (Great Britain). While the British delegate delivered his blast against Russia, Mr. Malik was busily taking notes.

Sir Gladwyn declared that Russia's peace programme for Korea had a "nightmarish and Alice in Wonderland" quality and resembled the "peaceful" settlements in Czechoslovakia in 1938 and 1948. Sir Gladwyn supported the American motion which would make the order of business simply a "complaint of aggression upon the Republic of Korea." This, he said pointedly as Mr. Malik sat and listened without expression, "would in no way prevent Russia from bringing concrete proposals for peace."

The West would rejoice if they were brought in a spirit consistent with United Nations principles and the previous actions of the Security Council.

Sir Gladwyn recalled that Mr. Malik had said yesterday that the American position made it appear that the United States favoured peaceful settlement of the Korean question.

He said: "This is an example of the queer upside-down language of Russian propaganda. If one side attacks its neighbour, it is not an act of war but of peace. The very words 'peaceful settlement' in the mouth of the Russian delegate are enough to cause a certain anxiety. We remember the 'peaceful' settlements in Czechoslovakia in 1938 and 1948. These were peaceful in that on those occasions not a shot was fired, but Czechoslovakia died in the name of peace. This is not the kind of settlement 52 nations—that have supported the United Nations sanctions against North Korea—want in Korea. It is the kind we are determined to resist."

A nightmare

Another example of Russia's "upside-down" thinking, Sir Gladwyn said, was Mr. Malik's assertion that the American resolution, condemning North Korea for defying the United Nations, was intended to extend the scope of war. He told Mr. Malik:

"If you will read it, sir, you will see it is specifically aimed at localising the conflict. We are living in a nightmarish and Alice in Wonderland world. The whole objective of the United Nations, and more particularly of the Security Council, is to maintain peace—not only by mediation and conciliation but also, as a last resort, by banding together to resist those who break the peace. The fact is, the North Korean authorities attacked the Republic of Korea and

Dulles on Russian aims

San Francisco, August 2. Mr. John Foster Dulles, special Republican advisor to the U.S. State Department, said today that the fighting in Korea does not necessarily mean the Communist leaders have decided on a world war.

In a speech, Mr. Dulles said the Korean action showed that the Communists are willing to run the greater risks, but that does not necessarily mean that they want general war or that they are irrevocably committed to provoke it.

One of the factors probably involved in the aggression in Korea was the desire of Russia, ever since the Russian-Japanese war, to gain control of that strategic peninsula.

Mr. Dulles advocated giving Japan a chance to win admission to the community of free nations.

Mr. Dulles told a news conference that Japan, and therefore the whole American defence line in the Far East, would become insecure if all Korea were occupied by an enemy.

Japan, he added, was highly vulnerable because "we have drained what little fighting power we had out of Japan, and we had damned little." —Associated Press.

PACIFIC PACT NOT DISCUSSED

Washington, August 2.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said today he had not discussed with the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert G. Menzies, any proposals for a Pacific Pact along the lines of the North Atlantic Treaty. —Reuter.

diute priority. France could not agree with Mr. Malik's insistence on linking it with the question of Chinese representation—two matters that are historically and geographically different—and the Council could not prevent any delegation from speaking on the subject of Korea when Korea was being discussed, but he pointed out that the main question was to determine who was the aggressor in Korea.

He added: "This has been done, on June 25, by the Council. If the Soviet Union wishes to take the steps decided upon by the Council (to aid South Korea), it can do so by notifying the Council accordingly."

Alberto, Inocente Alvarez (Cuba) charged that the Soviet agenda item dealing with "peaceful settlement of the Korean conflict" was intended to "divert the attention of the Council for reasons quite distinct from those that animated members of the Council to back up its decision to help South Korea."

Announcing Cuba's support for inclusion of the U.S. proposal in the agenda, with top priority, Senator Alvarez also protested against Mr. Malik's attempt to link the question of Korea with that of Chinese representation.

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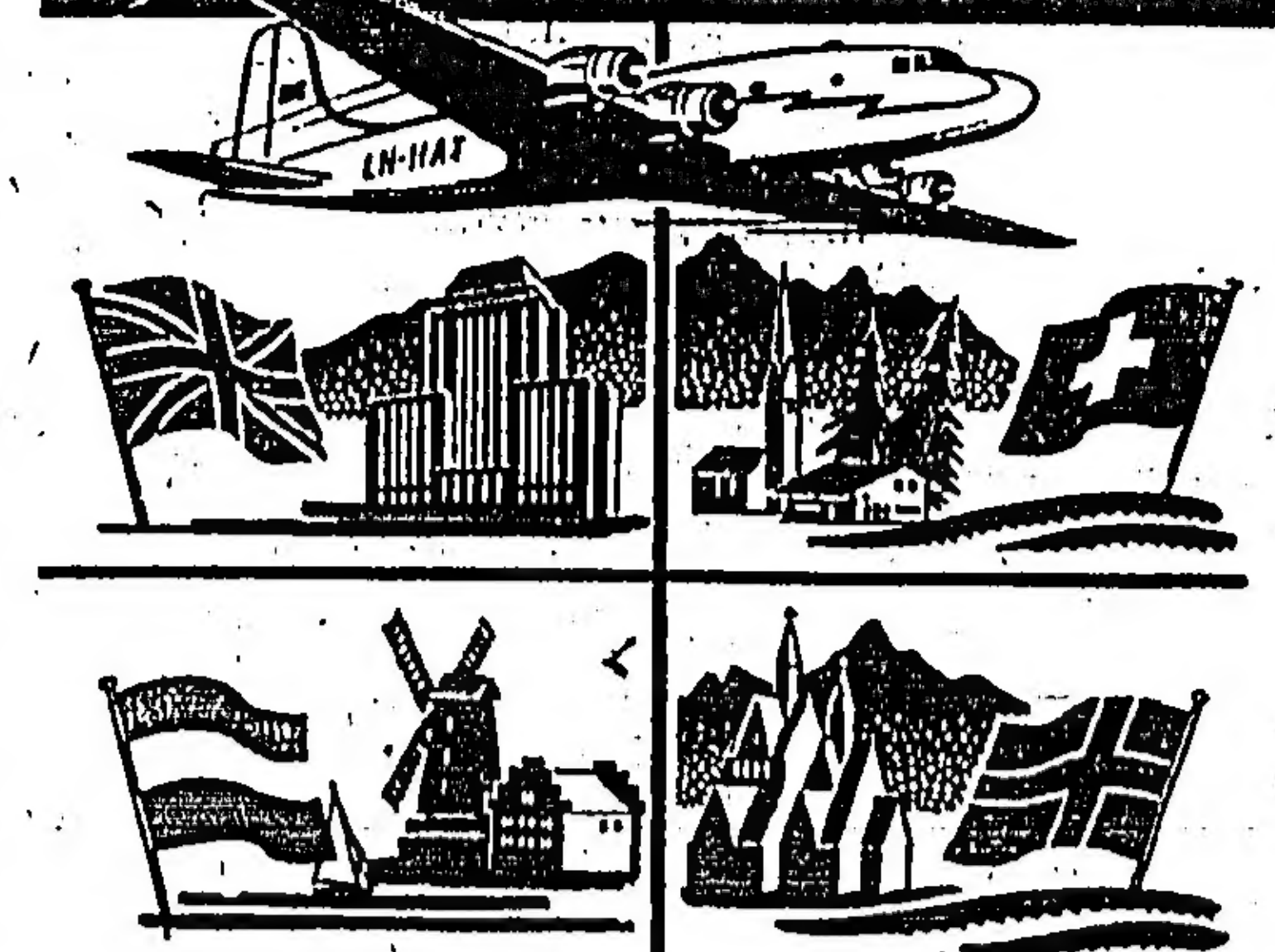


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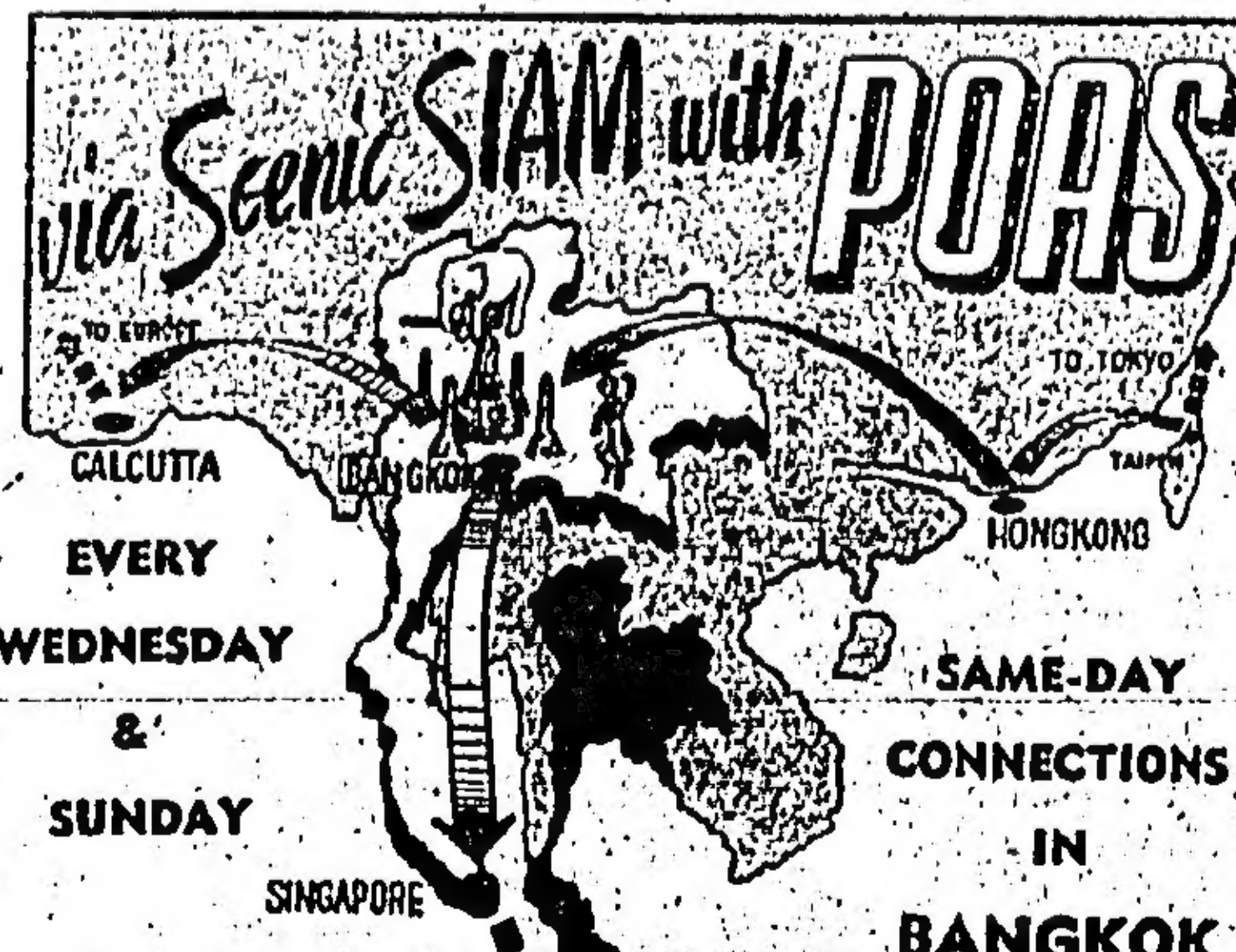
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MORE SACRIFICES AHEAD FOR THE UK: NEAR-WAR ECONOMY

London, August 2.

The United States Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Douglas, made a late and unexpected call tonight at No. 10 Downing Street, the official residence of the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee. His visit was connected with an expected early announcement of British plans to spend even more millions on rearmament.

The announcement, which may be regarded as of major importance, should come within the next 48 hours. The additional £100,000,000 approved for adding to the existing £780,000,000 defence budget may now be regarded as only a first instalment of a spending plan which will take Britain back to a near wartime economy.

The new spending plan will be Britain's answer to the American call to Atlantic Pact nations to report urgently on their ability to accelerate defence measures. It was believed that the visit of the American Ambassador to Downing Street tonight was connected with the transmission of Britain's new defence plan to Washington.

The British plan is based, according to authoritative sources, on the assumption that a full-scale war is not imminent. So the plan allows for the maximum possible expenditure on rearmament consistent with economic solvency for just short of the full switch to a wartime economy.

More sacrifices

It may be expected that the plan will take into account the prospect of additional American aid as foreshadowed in President Truman's request to Congress for 10 billion dollars to rearm the Western world.

Britain's share of any additional aid approved by Congress is likely to be the lion's share.

It will be based, according to sources here, on Britain's new ability to pass on a proportion of it in the form of assistance in rearming smaller members of the Western European grouping. The new defence spending will mean that the British people face renewed sacrifices.

Factories producing for the home market must be switched to war production. Some adverse effect on the British export trade may also be expected, according to planning experts here. The new scheme allows for this by anticipating that losses in foreign trade earnings will be made up with additional aid from the United States.

Where money will come from

The new plan is devised to allow Britain to continue her economic recovery.

The additional money will come from cuts imposed on the home market, from the capital investment programme and from the export market.

But the Treasury believes that it is essential to continue cutting down the foreign trade gap, to

Wiltshires leave Britain for Far East

Southampton, August 2. Three hundred troops of the First Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, sailed today aboard the ship Empire Trooper for service in the Far East. The War Office spokesman declined to say whether the troops were destined for Korea.—United Press.

maintain and if possible enlarge a gold and dollar reserve, and to ensure the maintenance of a "war chest" in case the international situation worsens. New expenditure will need parliamentary approval. The House of Commons may meet short its summer recess, normally extending into October.—Reuter.

ACHESON ACCUSES RUSSIA

Washington, August 2. The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today accused the Soviet Union of violating the United Nations Charter in trying to hold up United Nations action in the Korean war.

Mr. Acheson was commenting at his weekly Press conference upon the attitude taken by Russia's representative, Mr. Jacob Malik, upon his return to the Security Council yesterday after an absence from its discussions since January 13.

Mr. Acheson said that the Soviet Union was violating its obligations to the United Nations Charter when Mr. Malik absented himself from the proceedings of the Security Council from January 13 to July after the rejection on January 13 of a Soviet resolution to expel the Chinese Nationalist representative from the Security Council meeting.

Mr. Acheson added that Mr. Malik then returned and violated the Charter by throwing impediments in the way of the Security Council's action in Korea.

"It did not seem to make any difference," Mr. Acheson said, "whether Mr. Malik was present or away. He was always violating the Charter."

He declined to comment when a correspondent asked whether he thought that the continued frustration of Soviet moves in the United Nations Organisation might lead to their withdrawing from it.

Mr. Acheson said that the discussion at yesterday's meeting of the Security Council, presided over by Mr. Malik, was in a sense technical. He added, however, that he thought that the Security Council, which meets again today, was getting down to the real basis.—Reuter.

Valetta, August 2. Sir General Creasy, Governor of Malta, is to fly to Britain on leave next Sunday.—Associated Press.

INDIAN ECONOMIC POSITION

New Delhi, August 2. India's economic situation was difficult but not desperate, the Finance Minister, Mr. C. D. Deshmukh, assured Parliament today.

The monetary field had shown a distinct improvement and there were signs of returning confidence.

The Government recognised that perhaps a grave situation might develop, due largely to factors outside their control, in which case they would need special emergency powers to deal with it.

The Minister was speaking at the end of a two days' debate on an unofficial motion expressing thanks for President Rajendra Prasad's opening address to the House on Monday.

Parliament passed the motion after rejecting, without a division, three amendments seeking to criticise the Government for failure to deal with the inflation problem and the economic situation and for curtailment of civil liberties.

Earlier in the debate today the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, warned Communists and their supporters that the Government would meet their challenge with all its resources.

The two days' debate did not touch upon the references to the international situation and Indo-Pakistan relations in the President's address. These two subjects will be discussed on separate motions to be moved by the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, during the next three days.

Mr. Nehru is expected tomorrow to move a motion seeking Parliament's approval for the Government's policy in regard to Korea.—Reuter.

U.S.-THAILAND NEGOTIATIONS

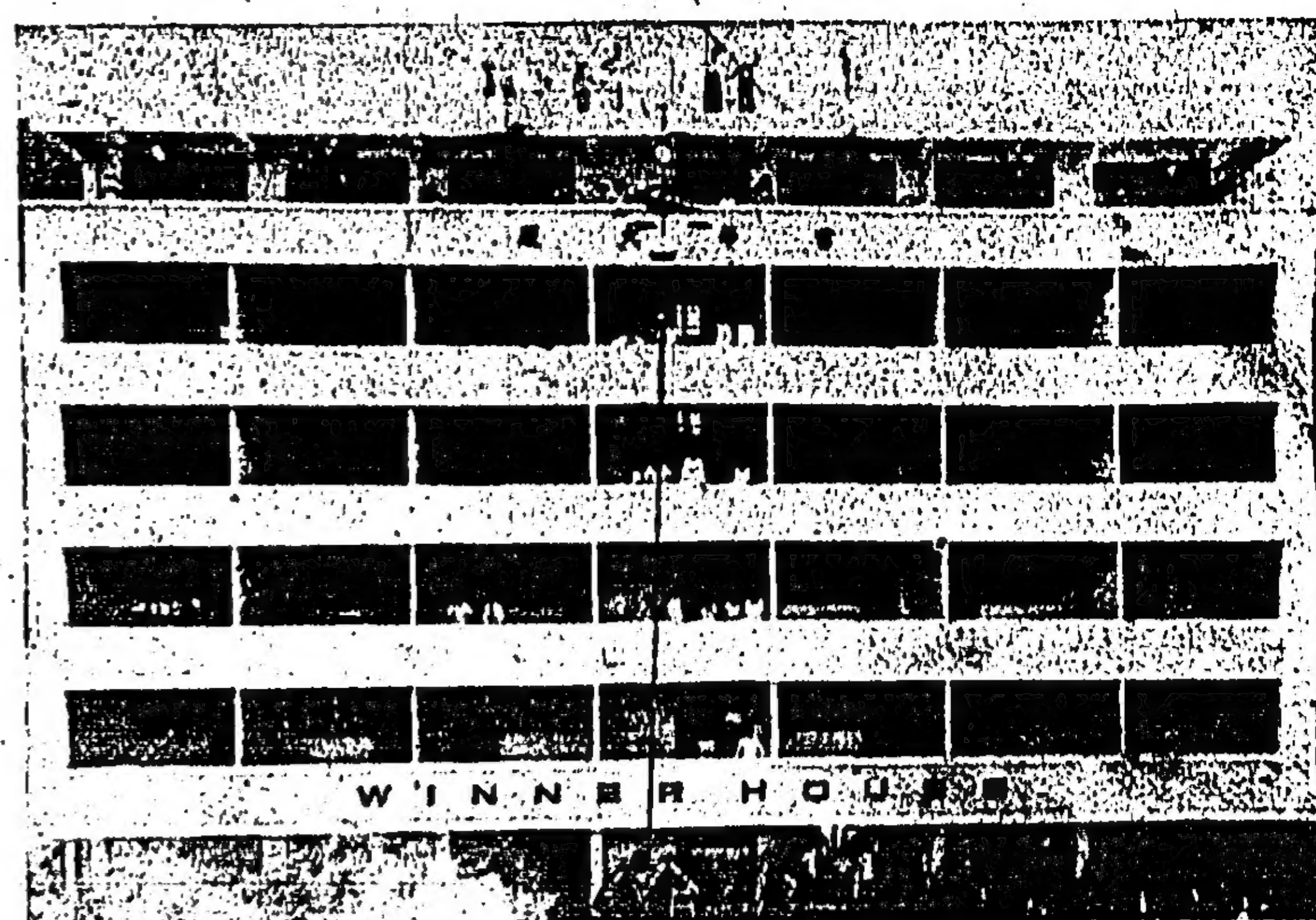
Bangkok, August 2.

The United States is now negotiating an overall agreement for a programme of economic and technical assistance to Thailand, the U.S. Embassy here announced today.

The announcement, however, said it has been agreed by the Thai National Economic Council and the Embassy that no public statement regarding the project will be released for publication until a detailed programme is decided upon.

The announcement also denied there was anything secret about this Point Four programme aid to Thailand as had been reported by both vernacular newspapers and the English Press in Bangkok.

It said the purposes of the projects proposed under Point Four were fully discussed with the Thai Press by Mr. Allen Griffin when he visited Bangkok in April.—United Press.



Winner House, the latest addition to Hong Kong's de luxe hotels, which was officially opened on Wednesday. The occasion was celebrated at a cocktail party given by the management, the Yick Hing Investment Company Limited. Many prominent local residents attended the ceremony, and were subsequently invited to tour the premises. Winner House is built along modern lines, with spacious verandahs, and luxurious apartments and single rooms. The colour scheme is subdued and restful, and there is a full lift service. Located at 310 King's Road, North Point, it is accessible by both tram and bus. The rates are reasonable, and begin from \$12 a day.

TURKS WANT TO JOIN THE ATLANTIC TREATY

London, August 2.

Turkey has informed the British Government of her desire to join the North Atlantic Pact, official sources said today. Greece is also expected to seek admission to the Atlantic Pact, but no official word of her intention has so far reached London.

Turkey's admission to the Atlantic Pact will have to be decided by the Atlantic Council, when it convenes in New York in September. No formal application has so far been made by Turkey but exchanges have already taken place in Ankara with the Ambassadors of the Western powers on this step.

The Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, was expected to discuss the question with the Turkish Foreign Minister, Fati Koprulu, at the coming Council of Europe meeting in Strasbourg this week.

The French and Italian Foreign Ministers will probably both be consulted in the course of the discussions at Strasbourg.

A Foreign Office spokesman emphasised that Britain's attitude to the participation of Turkey in the Atlantic Pact was somewhat different from that of the other governments, because the United Kingdom already has a treaty of mutual assistance with Turkey.

"We shall have to consider this problem with the other member nations of the Atlantic Pact," the spokesman said.

The treaty with Turkey guarantees British aid in case of an armed attack on Turkey. The other parties to the Atlantic Pact have no such agreements with Turkey.

Western ideas modified

It would therefore be for them to consider whether they wish to extend their commitments under the Atlantic Pact.

The inclusion of Turkey into the North Atlantic alliance would extend the area covered by the treaty far into the Middle East. Turkey's inclusion into the pact was not favoured some months ago, but the Western approach is understood to have since been modified in view of the renewed Communist threat to the Western world.

The United States, it is believed here, will favour Turkey's admission, following improvements in Turkey's defence position and her decision to send land forces to assist in the Korean fighting.

In Washington, the U.S. Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, indicated today that the United States would welcome Turkey's joining the North Atlantic Pact, but he made it clear that this was

a matter which all of the member nations of that alliance would have to decide. Commenting on reports from Ankara that Turkey had applied to join the alliance, Mr. Acheson said he was not aware of that.

Greatly concerned

Mr. Acheson said everyone knew that the United States was greatly concerned with Turkish defence and the maintenance of the strength and independence of that country. He pointed out the efforts which the United States had made to bolster Turkey's military might, as well as its efforts to defend Greece.

Although the Secretary of State did not definitely say that the United States would welcome Turkey in the North Atlantic Pact, the tenor of his remarks indicated that he would be in favour of such an occurrence if the other members of the alliance agreed.

Observers recalled in this connection that, when the Turkish Foreign Minister, Necmeddin Sadak, visited here early in 1949, he told officials that he was very interested in seeing the formation of a Middle East and Mediterranean alliance, similar to the North Atlantic Alliance, or an extension of the latter to include countries like Turkey.—United Press.

GERMAN REDS DEFIANT

Berlin, August 2.

A leading official of the Socialist Unity Party in East Germany today described as an unlawful threat a warning to West German Communist leaders by the United States High Commissioner, Mr. John McCloy.

He declared that his Party workers would ignore it and go ahead with their West zone plans.

The official added that Communists and workers for the Soviet zone "National Front" would begin active resistance against the Western occupation powers as soon as orders were received from the first "all-German National Congress of the National Front" which meets in Berlin on August 25 and August 26.

He did not explain what the threatened resistance would mean.—Reuter.

Russia challenged in United Nations

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Arne Sunde (Norway) told the Council that although Norway recognised the Peking regime and desired to seek its representation in all United Nations organs, it believed the Korean question was of the utmost importance at the present moment and "should not be muddled by the introduction at this point of any other questions, however important, before the Council." In view of the importance of the Korean issue, he would cast his vote for inclusion with top priority of the American resolution dealing with the complaint of aggression upon the Republic of South Korea.

U.S. demand

The United States joined Britain in telling Russia that if the Kremlin had any genuine proposals for peace in Korea, the West was ready and eager to hear them.

Warren Austin (US) told the Council, "if there are any other proposals to be made that will genuinely promote peace and security in the area of conflict, the whole spirit of humanity demands that they be made without further delay."

Mr. Austin demanded that the Council give top priority in its order of business to the resolution he proposed on Monday.

"The act of aggression against the Republic of Korea is the most urgent business before the United Nations. Under this agenda item, every member of the Council is completely free to make proposals leading toward termination of the breach of peace. If any delegate has proposals to make or resolutions to submit regarding the breach of peace in Korea, they can be made within the framework of the agenda item which has been before this Council for the last five weeks. If there are proposals to be made, refusal to present them within the Council's regular agenda will inevitably cast doubt on their sincerity. The U.S. cannot agree that the question of Chinese representation can take precedence over the fact of armed aggression. Nor can the United States agree that the termination of aggression be made contingent on any other issue."

Mr. Malik surprised observers by giving the floor to the "representative of China" and not saying "Yest" as he did yesterday when Dr. Tsang requested the floor.

After Dr. Tsang spoke, Mr. Malik took the floor to propose that the Council first vote on the two items proposed by the Soviet Union, then on the item proposed by the United States. He requested several times that the rules of procedure call for the President to draw up and approve the agenda, and then for the Council to approve or reject it. Other delegations could add their items only after the agenda had been thus approved or rejected.—United Press.

KMT views

Dr. T. F. Tsang (Nationalist China) took the floor to oppose any new debate on replacing his delegation with that of the Communist Peking regime. He charged that the Communist "puppet regime" had been "giving encouragement to the aggressors in North Korea." If the Council stopped its efforts against the Korean invaders to take up the Chinese issue again, it would "lead the people of the world to grave doubts on its sincerity."

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BELGIUM THREATENED BY FURTHER TROUBLE

Brussels, August 2.

The threat of a new Cabinet crisis hung over Belgium tonight as some of King Leopold's staunchest supporters declared that he had been "betrayed" in Party talks leading to his decision to leave the throne. The Catholic Prime Minister, M. Jean Duvieusart, who played a leading part in bringing the King back from exile 11 days ago, has already had to be dissuaded from resigning, sources close to the Government said today.

INSIDE STORY OF CRISIS

Brussels, August 2.

Belgium was within 20 minutes of a revolution yesterday. The capital would have been stormed at 7.00 p.m. if King Leopold had not signed his proclamation quelling the throne 20 minutes before.

Reuters' correspondent at Brussels learned these facts tonight from reliable sources close to the Government, who disclosed the full story of the dramatic moves that ended the 10-day monarchy.

It was a story of a tense clash between the King and even his staunch supporters in the all-Catholic Cabinet, as angry Walloons marched on the heavily guarded capital.

The anti-Leopold demonstrators had orders to storm Brussels at seven o'clock if Leopold had not agreed to the Socialists' terms. Leopold, these sources disclosed, tried vainly to impose his own conditions and once even staged a walk-out on his own Cabinet.

At one point during the all-night wrangling, the whole Government, unshaven and haggard, tendered their resignations—except for the Minister of the Interior, M. Albert de Vleeschauwer. He alone stood solidly by his King.

Leopold called him to private consultations as the other Ministers anxiously watched the minute hands of their watches flicking round towards seven o'clock—and civil war.

Eventually, they sent word to the King, closeted with M. de Vleeschauwer, that they could wait no longer and would leave the Palace.

The Minister of the Interior hurried out to them and pleaded on behalf of Leopold for the withdrawal of their resignations. Leopold, he announced, had agreed to sign the proclamation unconditionally.

Urgent telephone calls were made to the Socialist leaders, who immediately countermanded their orders for the march on the capital.

Thus ended the crisis—and the 10-day resumed reign of Leopold III.—Reuters.

ASSASSINATION IN SYRIA

Beirut, August 2.

Reports reaching here from Syria today concerning the assassination on Monday night of Colonel Mohammed Naggar, Syria's Air Force Chief, alleged that he was the victim of a dispute between himself and the Army Commander.

The military censor has forbidden the publication of any details concerning the Colonel's death in the Syrian Press, but a deputy, Abdullah Yunis, made reference to it in yesterday's meeting of the Syrian Assembly.

He said: "This crime proves that chaos has attained its maximum limits. Those who killed Naggar can kill the Assembly President, the Prime Minister, or for that matter, any deputy."

M. Yunis added: "It is time to speak frankly and I predict that the assassins will not be punished but elevated in rank."—Reuters.

Mystery submarines sighted off the Australian coast

Canberra, August 2.

Australia announced emergency plans tonight to construct a fleet of anti-submarine vessels after authoritative sources disclosed that foreign submarines had been operating off the Australian coast.

The Navy Minister, Joseph French, announced that Australia would construct six 2,000-ton anti-submarine frigates, at a cost of £12,000,000, to strengthen the nation's submarine defences.

Authoritative sources disclosed at the same time that the Government was converting an East coast naval base into a powerful fortress equipped with bomb-proof submarine pens.

Hundreds of experts were recruited, some from Britain, as the Government rushed construction plans. Some of the foreign submarines spotted in Australian waters were believed to have been identified, but the nationality of the power concerned is a strict secret.

Sources said fishermen first detected the submarines, believed to be among the world's largest, fastest and most modern. The undersea craft were believed to have been on long-distance cruises in the Pacific to test latest constructional techniques.

The Navy Minister, in announcing the frigate programme, said development of large submarines, with high underwater speed and capable of long submergence made it necessary to modernize the Royal Australian Navy's anti-submarine force.

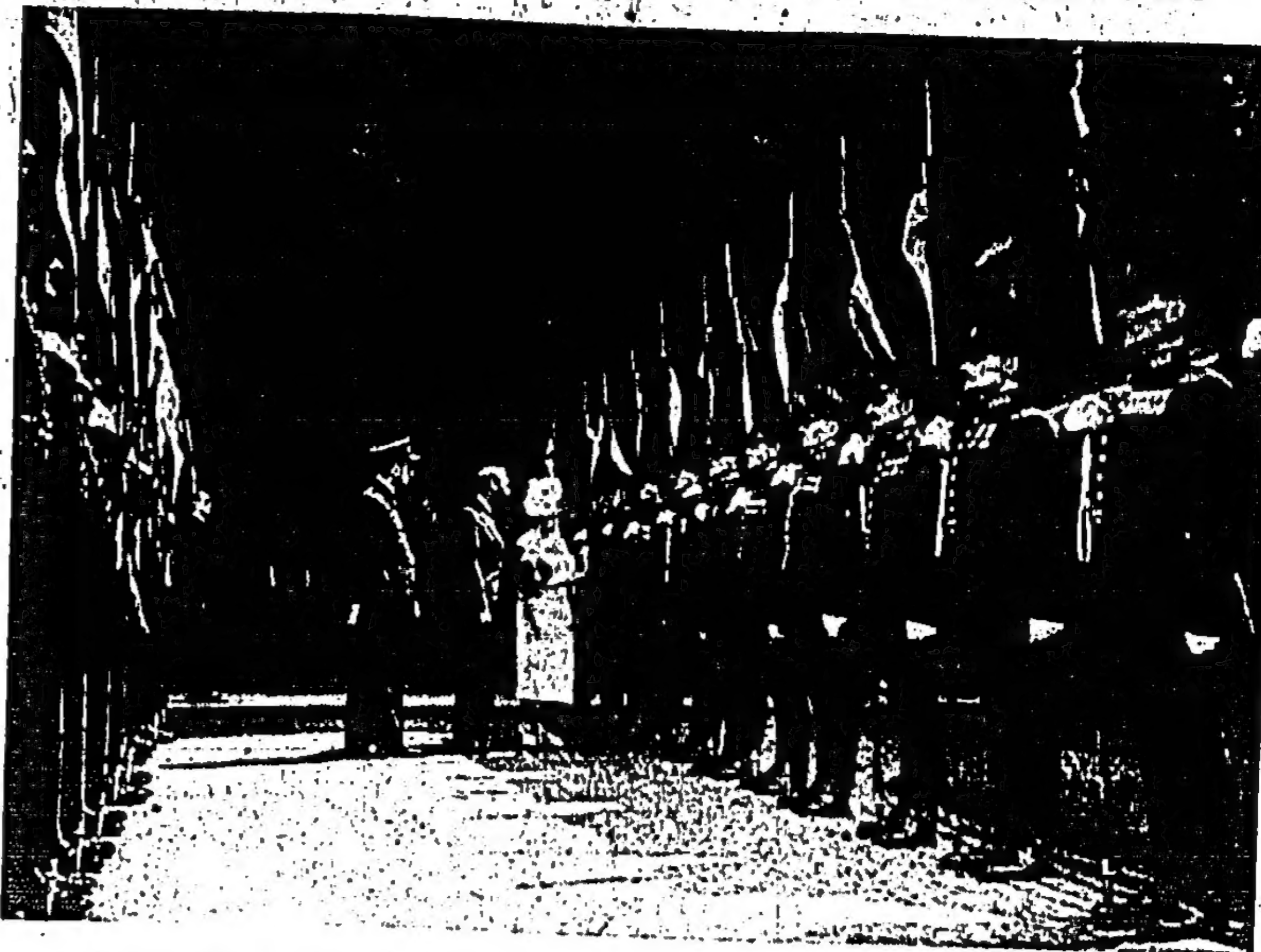
"Such submarines, in the possession of the enemy in time of war would present a grave threat to our merchant shipping," he said.

Construction of the frigates will interrupt the programme to add new destroyers to the Australian Fleet.

The acting Prime Minister, A. W. Fadden, said Australia would be built up immediately to full war strength, to provide troops for Korea at the earliest possible date. Reliable sources said some 400 battle-hardened veterans may be flown from Australia almost immediately under the plan. Although Mr. Fadden did not mention the size of the force to fight beside the U.S. troops in Korea, authoritative sources said the figure would probably reach 2,000.—United Press.

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King unveils war memorial



A Memorial to the Metropolitan Police who lost their lives during two world wars was unveiled in Westminster Abbey by the King. Men and women of the Forces marched in procession from Horse Guards Parade to the Abbey, led by the Metropolitan Police Central Band. Men of the Mounted Branch with pennonned lances provided a guard of Honour for the King, accompanied by the Queen, as he arrived at the West Door of the Abbey. The King, with a member of the guard of honour as they leave the Abbey after the ceremony. (Associated Press Photo).

America going ahead with hydrogen bomb

Washington, August 2.

The Atomic Energy Commission disclosed today that it has contracted with E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Co. to build plants for the production of hydrogen bomb explosives. President Truman last month asked Congress for \$260,000,000, with which to develop the hydrogen super-bomb.

Dupont will design, build and operate the new production facilities at a site yet to be determined. In picking the site, the Commission said, it will take into account military considerations, including vulnerability to attack.

As the AEC was making its announcement, Congressional sources hinted that the President may soon ask for more money, to push the completion of the H-bomb and expand the production of atomic bombs.

Democratic Senator Brien McMahon said after a secret conference with defence chiefs that the United States should expand its H-bomb and A-bomb programme substantially. "There is no question in my mind but that our atomic stockpile is the chief deterrent to expanded Soviet aggression," Senator McMahon said.

Dupont will build and operate for the H-bomb project atomic furnaces similar to the huge production "piles" at Hanford, Washington, where the A-bomb explosive, plutonium, is manufactured. The Government will pay all costs and Dupont will get only one dollar fee. Dupont built and operated the original wartime plutonium plant on the same basis. The new reactors or furnaces will be of advanced design, the AEC said.

For the H-bomb project, a soft silver-like metal, Lithium, will be transmuted into heavy hydrogen called tritium which scientists say can be triggered into ultra-violent explosion by the A-bomb. If the H-bomb does not develop or if world peace is assured, tritium can be quickly converted to the production of atomic fuels for peacetime uses. Dupont has been doing preliminary work in connection with the project.

SERETSE KHAMA TOLD TO LEAVE

Johannesburg, August 2.

Seretse Khama, the banned Bamangwato chief, his English wife, Ruth, and their baby daughter, were today given 14 days to leave Bechuanaland. The order came after it proved impossible to reach an agreement with them in regard to arrangements for their departure. The United Kingdom Information Office announced here today.

Seretse, whom the British Government expelled from Bechuanaland for five years, was permitted to return for the birth of his daughter last May and to settle a legal dispute with his uncle, the former Regent Tsekeledi. Seretse and his family are booked to leave Bechuanaland by air on August 18.—Reuters.

WESTERN UNION STAFF EXERCISE

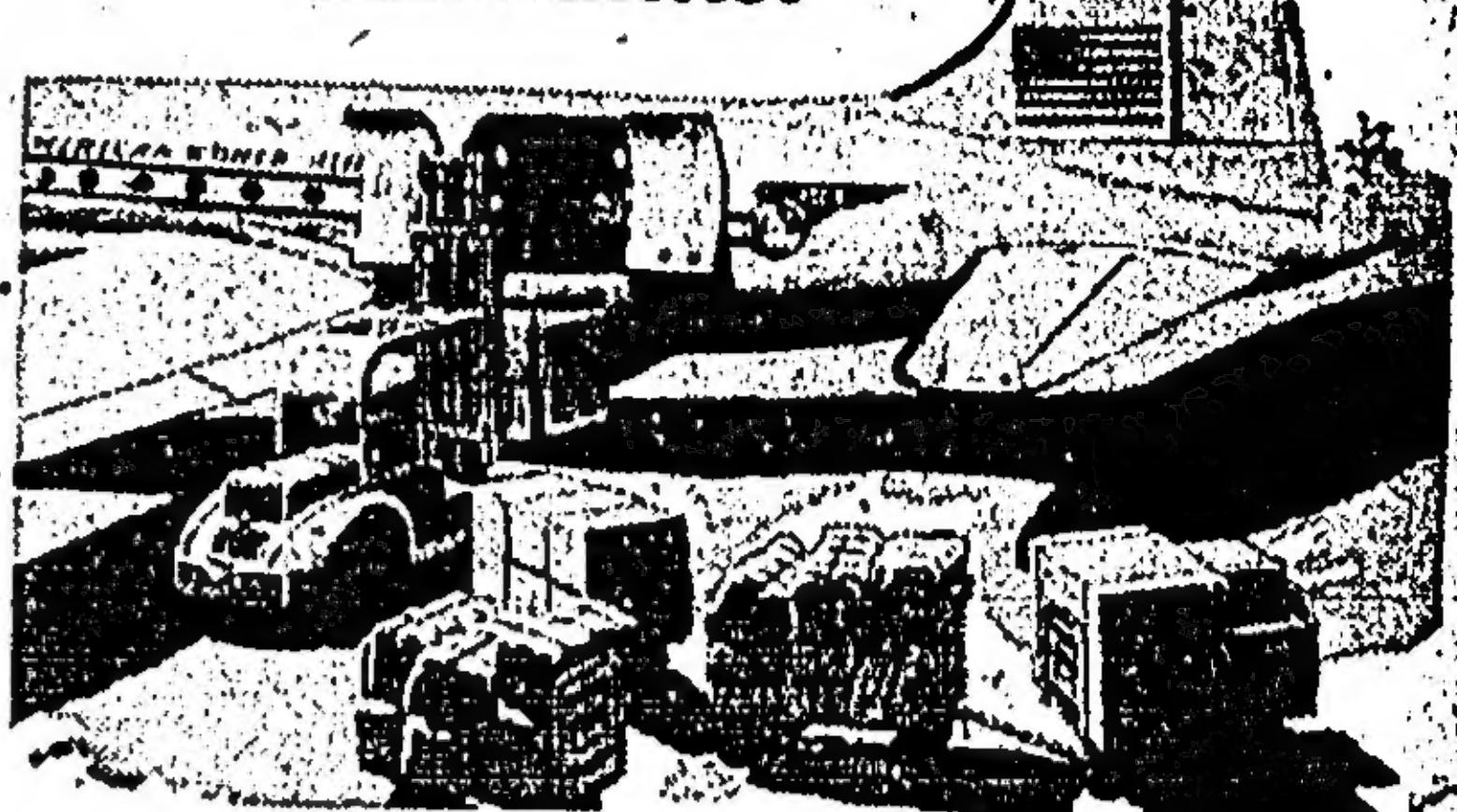
Brussels, August 2.

Senior military officers of the five Western Union countries are attending a staff exercise at Fontainebleau, near Paris, from August 1 to 4, directed by General de Maltre de Tessigny, Commander-in-Chief, Land Forces, Western Europe.

Officers of the Army, Navy and Air Force of Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg are participating in the exercise, one of a series of periodic meetings held to study problems of Western European defence.—Reuters.

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Westerling asks Court to halt extradition

Singapore, August 2.
An application for the halting of extradition proceedings against him by the Indonesian Government was brought by Captain Raymond "Turco" Westerling before the Singapore Supreme Court today.
Westerling was the leader of the "Army of the Heavenly Host" which captured the Indonesian city of Bandoeng in January this year.

His Counsel, Mr. F.R.N. Massey, maintained that a treaty between Britain and Holland could not apply to the newly-created Indonesian independent State. Even if it did it could only concern the extradition of Indonesian subjects — and Westerling was not such a subject.

Representing the Government of Singapore, Mr. C. H. Butterfield, the Acting Attorney-General, told the Court that the British Foreign Office regarded treaties between Britain and Holland as applying to the United States of Indonesia.

The case was adjourned until tomorrow after submissions.
Westerling was originally sentenced to 40 days' imprisonment and later to six weeks for assaulting an Indonesian cell-mate.
April 24, he was born in Istanbul of mixed Dutch-Turkish-Greek parentage.
His counsel, addressing the Supreme Court today, complained that the Attorney-General had declined to disclose to him the form and date of British recognition of Indonesia as a sovereign State.

Up to Executive

Replying, the Acting Attorney-General said that the question of treaty application was exclusively one for the Executive in this case the British Foreign Office — on whose decision the Court must be guided.

This was, he said, a political question and he was not prepared to make a statement on the date and form of British recognition of Indonesia unless requested by the Court.
"It is not the business of the Court to inquire whether the Foreign Office has the right to decide that a treaty exists," he said.

"I submit that it is most undesirable that there should be conflict between the Executive and the courts on matters of such political importance."
Westerling has been held in Changi Gaol on Singapore Island since his sensational escape from Indonesia by seaplane last February. The Indonesian Government wants to charge him with murder and war crimes. — Reuter.

U.S. ARMS AID

Washington, August 2.
United States officials said today that nearly 200,000 tons of American weapons and military supplies had been delivered to friendly foreign governments during the past five months.
This total will probably be doubled or tripled within the next few months, they said.
President Truman asked Congress yesterday for an additional \$4,000,000,000 for arming non-Communist countries. — Reuter.

Press reaction to proceedings in UN

Paris, August 2.
The Conservative evening newspaper "Le Monde" today emphasised the importance of Sir Benegal Rau's statement in the Security Council yesterday that priority given to procedural questions might result in the disruption of the United Nations.

Referring to the Indian delegate's speech, the paper said, "There is no doubt that his words will carry a long echo along the shores of the Pacific."
"Le Monde" observed also that the Security Council's vote on the Chinese representation showed to what extent the world had been shocked by the North Korean aggression.

The newspaper remarked that everyone is now wondering why Soviet Russia has not left the United Nations Organisation, adding that the guess that she was staying there for obstructive purposes was probably correct.

"But the fact that she succeeded in breaking the unity of the free nations must not be underestimated," "Le Monde" concluded.

On the question of the adverse vote from Britain and Norway instead of their expected abstention, the paper wrote, "The aggression of June 25 against a country recognised and protected by the United Nations has led Britain and Norway to revise their position. They voted not so much in favour of Nationalist China as against Communist China, morally a supporter of North Korea."

"JUNGLE GIRL" WEDS MALAY

Singapore, August 2.
A 21-year-old Malay school-teacher, who says he fell in love at first sight, was married secretly last night to Bertha Hertogh, the 15-year-old girl whom the Singapore Appeal Court decided should not be returned to her Dutch parents.
The bridegroom, Mansoor Abbi, said he met Bertha during the Court proceedings here and "I felt something stir within me."
Earlier, a usually reliable source said that Bertha, who was brought up as a Malay, met her husband only 24 hours before they were married in a Moslem ceremony.

This source said that the girl was told that her marriage would make certain that the Court's decision would not be reversed by any appeal by her parents in Holland.

Many Malay girls marry at the age of 13. Bertha fled into the jungle with her foster-mother, Aminah, when the Japanese invaded the East Indies in 1942. She was brought up as a Malay and speaks only Malay.

A Singapore Court ordered earlier this year that she be returned to her parents in Holland but the Court of Appeal last week set aside the order.

A report from The Hague on Saturday said that the Dutch Government was trying to secure Bertha's return to her parents, despite the Appeal Court's decision.

Bertha's foster-mother said this morning she had received a letter from lawyers representing the Dutch Consul-General, here demanding that Bertha be handed over to the Consul-General.

"It came several hours too late," Aminah said. "My child is now happily and safely married."

Neither Bertha nor her husband would talk to reporters. — Reuter.

MALAN'S POLICY CRITICISED

Johannesburg, August 2.
General Smuts' opposition United Party today condemned the South African Government for not announcing any definite action yet to meet the United Nations' appeal for assistance in Korea.

The Party, in a statement, called on the Government to accept its responsibilities as a member of the United Nations.

If any real difficulty prevented response to the United Nations request, Parliament should be called together so that the United could be taken into the Government's confidence, it added. — Reuter.

Danger to the Middle East

Capetown, August 2.
General Frank Theron, South African Minister to Greece, Italy and Egypt, warned today that the Soviet Union's need for oil posed a danger to the Middle East.

General Theron, who is here on leave, said all signs pointed to Russian uneasiness over her dwindling oil supplies. The Middle East, with its rich oil fields, was the focal point of interest for South Africa in the world situation. South Africa feared any Russian attacks in the Middle East because South Africa did not want to see Communism expand into Africa.

South African acceptance of a seat on the United Nations African Commission reflected the nation's concern for the future of North Africa. — United Press.

MONKS PRESSED INTO ARMY

Rangoon, August 2.
Communists have pressed Buddhist monks into the army they are raising at Weile, 35 miles North of Mandalay, it was officially reported today.

The monks have begun their military training alongside laymen also conscripted by the Communists. — The Associated Press.

U.S. LOANS TO IRAN TO BE ISSUED SOON

TEHERAN, August 2.
The U.S. Ambassador, Henry Grady, said today that loans promised by the Export-Import Bank will be issued in the next few weeks to raise the low Iranian living standards by helping peasants and small businessmen.

A Washington announcement that the bank is sending a mission to approve loan projects was hailed as good news by American officials here.

But Iranians were inclined to greet the announcement as more of the same talk of economic aid they have been hearing since the war's end — but with no concrete help.

The influential conservative newspaper "Tolon" said "American aid to Iran has so far been only words" and declared "Only immediate help can save the nation from the iron curtain threat."

"At present there is a wave of despair and pessimism over the minds of all Iranians with respect to United States aid to Iran," the newspaper said.

American officials discount Iranian pessimism, declaring that the Washington announcement had finally given the green light for a start to co-ordinated economic aid.

As in the China situation, the State Department has been

reluctant to send funds to Iran for fear that past governments would squander aid without helping the poorer classes.

First projects

Mr. Grady said the first projects to be submitted to the bank for approval include purchases of farm machinery and tools, road building and irrigation equipment, as well as trucks and buses. He was also suggesting loans to rehabilitate small private industries where there is likely to be a quick increase in employment.

Both Iranian and American officials here privately see little likelihood of any Russian invasion in the near future — unless there is a third war. But well-informed sources say that the poverty-stricken lower classes are providing a fertile field for the underground growth of Communism unless something is done this year to raise the living standards. — Associated Press.

BRITAIN TO MASS PRODUCE URANIUM 235

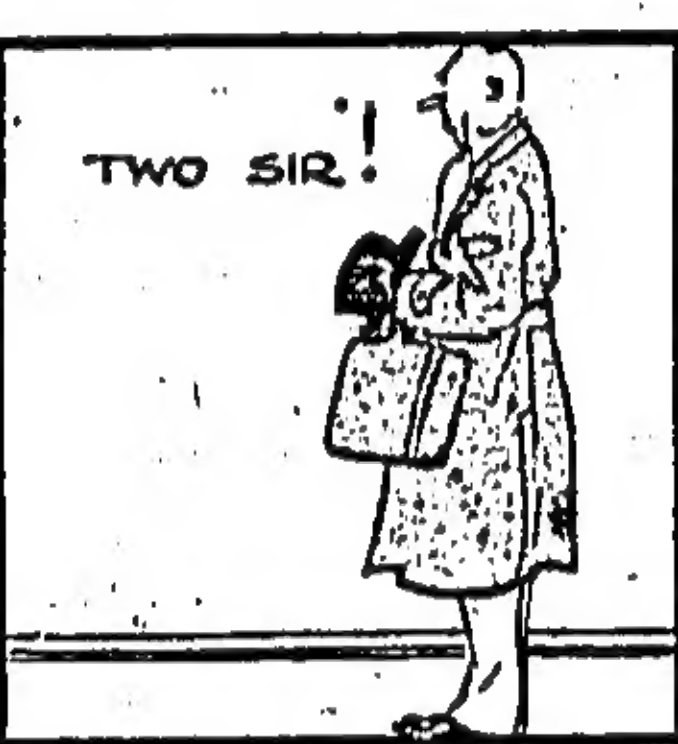
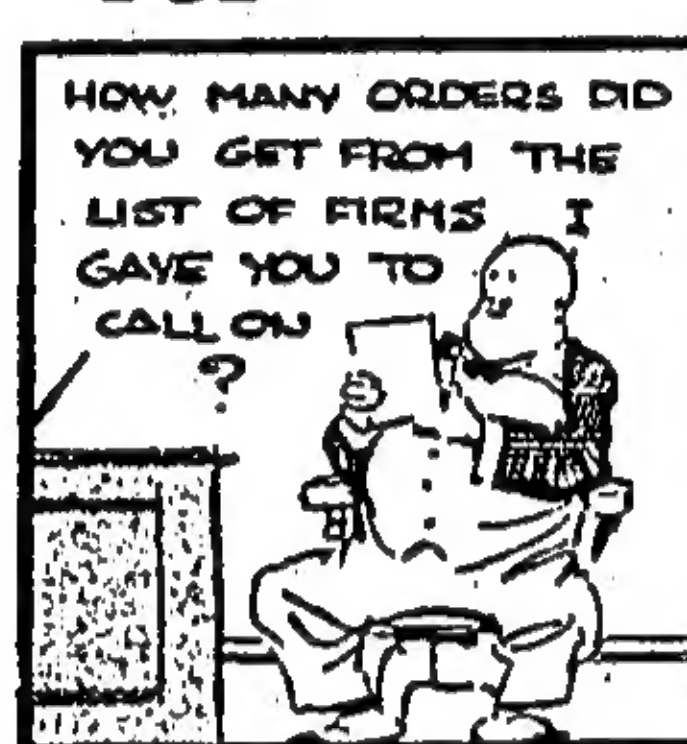
London, August 2.
The "Daily Express" said today that Britain planned to construct a £10,000,000 plant for the mass production of Uranium 235.

The newspaper said the step meant that the Government had decided to make Britain independent of America for supplies and added that the plant would begin production within two years, using ore from the Belgian Congo.

The plant will be built at the atom research station at Capenhurst in Cheshire. The "Express" said that an agreement by the British Government to let the United States have Belgian Congo ore in return for data on making plutonium had broken down after the arrest and conviction of Klaus Fuchs, who gave atom secrets to the Russians and is now serving a prison term.

The plutonium unit already started had not been completed, although there was no indication that it would be abandoned. — United Press.

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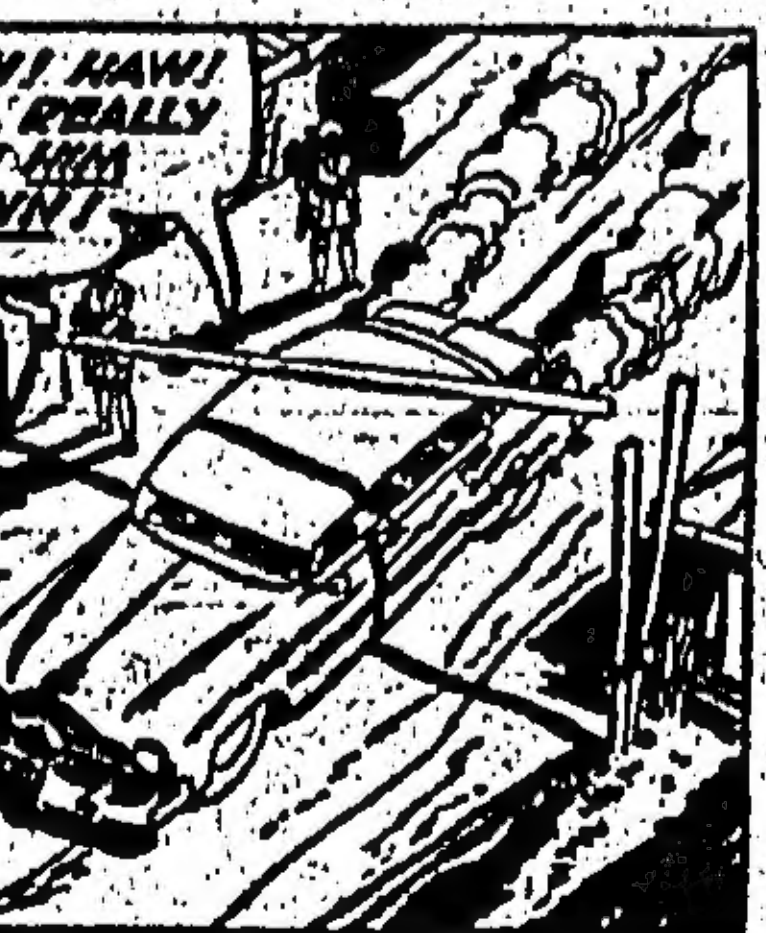
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

FRANCE INCREASES GOLD STOCK VALUE

Paris, August 2.

The French Cabinet today announced a series of drastic steps to improve the nation's financial position in the face of growing international tension.

The principal aim is to build up France's reserves of both gold and foreign currencies, and to stabilise the franc.

Gold used to secure loans obtained in 1947 and 1949 from the United States is to be pumped back into the French Treasury, under the Cabinet's scheme, by the anticipated repayment of those loans before their expiration date.

The Minister of Information, Albert Gazier, announced the plan, but did not disclose how the U.S. debts were to be repaid. M. Gazier said the payment of foreign debts and the improvement in the franc's position in world currencies was made possible by improvement of France's trade balances with other nations in recent months.

The Cabinet also announced the revaluation of its gold reserves, now estimated at 400.6 tons, in a move to raise its value by more than 125,000,000 francs (about £125,000,000).

New value

Since December 1945, France valued her gold on the basis of a franc valuation of 110 francs to the U.S. dollar. The decision today will change the gold value to the basis of 249.00 francs to the dollar, the average of official franc values over the past six months.

The present gold value is 35 dollars an ounce. The gold backing of the two United States loans which are to be repaid in advance of their expiration date totalled 69 tons, it was learned. The exact amount of the two loans was not disclosed.

Financial observers explained that the devaluation of the franc last year, following the September 20 devaluation of the pound sterling, resulted in a single official rate for the franc of around 350 to the dollar.

Previously the franc had fluctuated with the demand for dollars on the black market, since the official rate was quoted on the basis of the average between the black market rate and the official "peg" of 214 francs to the dollar.

New note issue

The varying franc rate made it impossible to revalue the nation's gold reserves for international dealings.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

From UNITED KINGDOM PORTS AND STRAITS

Consignees Per Ship

s.s. "KHYBER"

arrived August 3, 1950

are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where it will lie at consignees' risk and expense and subject to terms and conditions of storage of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. The cargo is expected to be ready for delivery from the Godown on and after August 4, 1950.

Cargo is considered as being accepted in good order and condition by consignees, unless broken, chafed and damaged packages are left in the Godown for subsequent examination by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of consignees, at 10 a.m. on August 7, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when dutiable goods are examined.

All damaged cargo claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before August 25, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have been taken delivery of or shipped's order or alternatively ex-Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s premises unless a joint survey has previously been effected.

MACKINNON MACKENZIE & CO.

P. & O. S. N. Co.

Hong Kong, August 4, 1950.

Associated Press

Now that the revaluation of gold has become possible through a State franc into the value, the move, in simple terms, raises the value of France's gold reserves by about 125,000,000 francs, making the nation richer by that amount.

Qualified financial authorities said it was likely that additional francs would be issued in that amount and used to buy dollars on the international market to pay off the two U.S. loans—Associated Press.

BRITISH IMPORTS OF JAP CLOTH

London, August 3.

The British Board of Trade announced it will consider requests to import limited quantities of grey cloth (cotton and rayon) from Japan until June 30, 1951.

The cloth will be exclusively for processing here and re-exporting to a number of foreign countries, mainly in the Western hemisphere and the British Colonies.—Associated Press

NEW FILM PACT

London, August 2.

British and American film industries have agreed in principle on a new pact permitting U.S. firms to take more dollars out of Britain.

President Eric Johnson of the Motion Picture Association of America said today that American companies expect to withdraw \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000 more than the \$7,000,000 now released annually from American film earnings there.

To gain this privilege American companies would make more pictures in England and release more British films here.—Associated Press.

NY COTTON

New York, August 2.

Cotton futures continued easy. Closed \$1.60 to \$1.75 a bale lower.

October

December

March

May

July

October

December

Middling spot

—Associated Press.

ROOD PRICES UP

New York, August 2.

Dun and Bradstreet wholesale food price index this week advanced three cents to \$93.53, highest since the \$9.70 index on September 28 in 1948.

Higher were rice, eggs, tea, butter, milk, cheese, cottonseed oil and some fruits. Grains and pork were lower.—Associated Press.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees Per

s.s. "BENVENUE"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s Godown, where it will be at consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke, at 10 a.m. on August 9, 1950.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after August 10, 1950, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before August 24, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

No fire insurance will be effected.

W. R. LOXLEY & CO.

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Hong Kong, August 2, 1950.

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